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At a SESSION begun at Trenton on the 27th Day of  
*October* 1795, and continued by Adjournments.

BEING THE FIRST SITTING.

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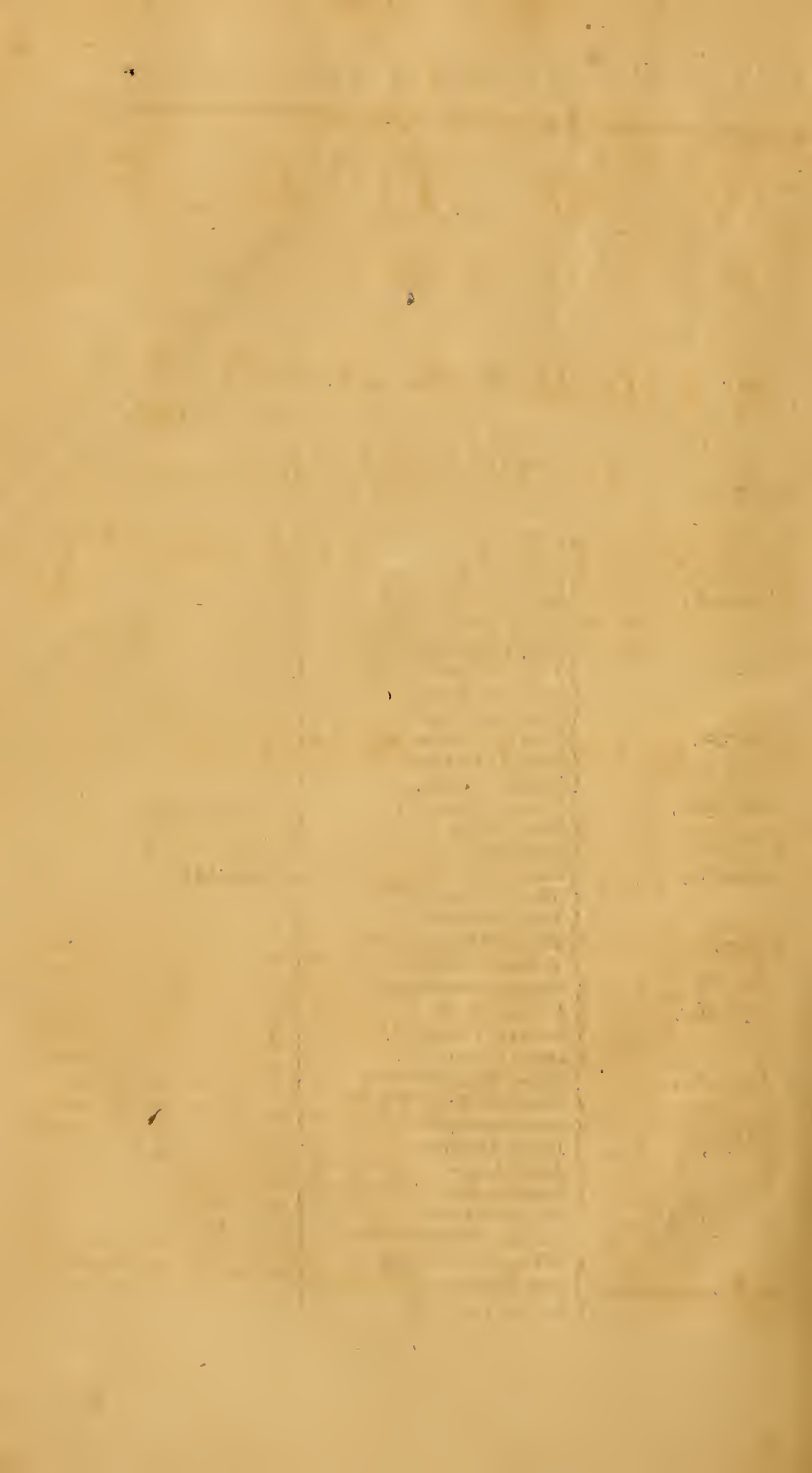
LIST of PERSONS returned as MEMBERS of the LEGISLATIVE-COUNCIL.

<i>Bergen,</i> <i>Essex,</i> <i>Middlesex,</i> <i>Monmouth,</i> <i>Somerset,</i> <i>Burlington,</i> <i>Gloucester,</i> <i>Salem,</i> <i>Cape-May,</i> <i>Hunterdon,</i> <i>Morris,</i> <i>Cumberland,</i> <i>Suffex,</i>	The HONOURABLE	Peter Haring, John Condit, Ephraim Martin, Elisba Lawrence, V. P. James Linn, John Black, Joseph Cooper, Thomas Sinnickson, Matthew Whillden, John Lambert, Ellis Cook, Eli Elmer, Charles Beardlee,	} ESQUIRES.
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LIST of PERSONS returned as MEMBERS of the GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

<i>Bergen,</i>  <i>Essex,</i>  <i>Middlesex,</i>  <i>Monmouth,</i>  <i>Somerset,</i>  <i>Burlington,</i>  <i>Gloucester,</i>  <i>Salem,</i>  <i>Cape-May,</i>  <i>Hunterdon,</i>  <i>Morris,</i>  <i>Cumberland,</i>  <i>Suffex,</i>	}	Adam Boyd, John Haring, Benjamin Blacklidge, Elias Dayton, Jonas Wade, James Hedden, Peter Vredenburg, Benjamin Manning, James Morgan, Joseph Stillwell, Elisba Walton, James H. Imlay, Henry Southard, Peter D. Vroom, Robert Stockton, Samuel Hough, George Anderson, Stacy Biddle, Abel Clement, Samuel French, Thomas Somers, John Sinnickson, Eleazer Mayhew, William Wallace, Richard Townsend, Eleazer Hand, Reuben Townsend, David Frazer, Simon Wyckoff, Benjamin Van-Cleve, John Starke, David Thomson, John Debow, Ebenezer Elmer, SPEAKER, Benjamin Peck, Ebenezer Seeley, William M'Cullough, Peter Sharps, George Armstrong,	} ESQUIRES.
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*T R E N T O N , T u e s d a y , O c t o b e r 27 , 1795 .*

**T**HIS being the Time and Place appointed by Law for the first Meeting of the General Assembly, the following Persons attended, to wit, Benjamin Blacklidge, as one of the Representatives of the County of Bergen; Elias Dayton, Jonas Wade and James Hedden, as Representatives for the County of Essex; Benjamin Manning and Peter Vredenburg, as two of the Representatives for the County of Middlesex; Joseph Stillwell, Elisha Walton and James H. Imlay, as Representatives for the County of Monmouth; Henry Southard, Robert Stockton and Peter D. Vroom, as Representatives for the County of Somerset; Samuel Hough, George Anderson and Stacy Biddle, as Representatives for the County of Burlington; Abel Clement and Samuel French, as two of the Representatives for the County of Gloucester; John Sinnickson and William Wallace, as two of the Representatives for the County of Salem; Eleazer Hand, as one of the Representatives for the County of Cape-May; David Frazer and Benjamin Van-Cleve, as two of the Representatives for the County of Hunterdon; David Thomson, John Starke and John Debow, as Representatives for the County of Morris; Ebenezer Elmer, as one of the Representatives for the County of  
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Cumberland ; William M'Cullough, Peter Sharps and George Armstrong, as Representatives for the County of Suffex, appeared in the House and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed : Whereupon,

David Frazer, Esquire, was appointed, agreeably to the Constitution, to qualify Benjamin Van-Cleve, Esquire, who, being duly sworn, took his Seat ; and the remaining Persons returned as Representatives, being qualified by the said Benjamin Van-Cleve, took their Seats in the House.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, October 28, 1795.*

The House met.

The House proceeded to the Choice of a Speaker, when the Honourable Ebenezer Elmer was chosen, and accordingly placed in the Chair.

The House proceeded to the Election of a Clerk, when Maskell Ewing was unanimously chosen.

Maskell Ewing attended ; and after taking the Oath of Allegiance, and also an Oath for the faithful Discharge of his Office, he took his Seat as Clerk.

*Resolved*, That David Wrighter be Doorkeeper to this House during the present Session.

Adam Boyd, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Bergen ; Simon Wyckoff, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Hunterdon ; and James Morgan, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Middlesex ; appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed : Whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Anderson do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the House of Assembly have this Day proceeded to Business, and have chosen the Honourable Ebenezer Elmer their Speaker.

Mr. Haring, from Council, informed the House that a sufficient Number of Members of Council have met, elected the Honourable Elisha Lawrence, Esquire, Vice-President, and proceeded to Business.

Mr. Anderson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Van-Cleve, Dayton and Hough, be a Committee to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and to report the Business that was referred or remains unfinished.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Imlay, Boyd and Anderson, be a Committee to bring forward a Draught of Rules and Regulations for the better Government of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Samuel A. Otis, Secretary of  
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the Senate of the United States, accompanied with a Copy of the Journals of the Senate of the United States, which was read.

*Ordered*, That the said Letter be filed, and that the Journals forwarded be placed among the Books belonging to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Treasurer, informing the House that there is in the Treasury Office £. 16,691 5 0 Loan Office Money, cancelled by the Board of Justices and Freeholders in the several Counties, which was read: Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Manning, Biddle and Wallace, or any two of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council for the Purpose of examining and burning the cancelled Money in the Treasury, and that Mr. Armstrong do wait on Council and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, reported Rules and Regulations for the Government of the House, which were read, amended and agreed to.

Mr. Armstrong reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Richard Townsend and Reuben Townsend, returned as two of the Representatives for the County of Cape-May, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly affirmed and sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats, and having rendered Excuses for their Non-Attendance Yesterday, the same were deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the House that Council had appointed Messrs. Sinnickson and Cook, or either of them, a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of examining and burning the cancelled Money in the Treasury.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, October 29, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the last Sitting, and to report the Business that was referred or remained unfinished, reported as follows:

1. A Petition from Pitts Grove, in the County of Salem.
2. A Petition from Lucius Van-Beverhoudt.
3. A Petition from Frederick Earnest.
4. A Petition from the Physicians and Surgeons of the Eastern Counties, praying the Benefit of a Charter of Incorporation.
5. The Report of Mr. Elmer on the Petition of Ebenezer Hathaway, and,
6. The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for laying out a more direct Road from Little Timber Creek over Newton Creek, near the Mouth thereof to Coopers' Ferries, and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek at the Place aforesaid,' were ordered a second Reading.

7. Sundry



7. Sundry Petitions from Persons who served on the late Expedition to Pittsburgh.

8. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing who shall be admitted Witneses, and what Judges shall set on hearing of Causes for the Recovery of publick Monies from Delinquents, Officers and others.'

9. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Payment of Part of the Interest due on the State Debt.'

10. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for registering of Births and Deaths.'

11. Two Petitions from Middlesex County, praying that the General Election may be held in Townships.

12. A Petition from Peter Johnson.

13. Mr. Stillwell's Report on Daniel Hunt's Application.

14. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to make Titles to certain Islands on the Delaware.'

15. The Report of Mr. Peck on the Petition of John Van-Nest.

16. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for procuring a more equal Representation in the several Counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this State.'

17. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act relative to holding Elections in this State.'

18. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Lands,' and,

19. The Bill, intituled, ' An Act disposing of Lands at Ramapoch ;' were severally referred from the last to the present Sitting.

By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Which Report was read.

The Paper in the said Report marked No. 2 was read: Whereupon, A Petition on the same Subject was presented and read.

*Ordered*, That they be read a second Time.

The Petition marked No. 3 was read, and dismissed.

The Petition marked No. 4 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill marked No. 6 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petitions marked No. 7 were read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Southard and Starke.

The Bill marked No. 8 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill marked No. 9 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill marked No. 10 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of Peter Johnson, marked No. 12 was read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Southard and Starke.

The Report of Mr. Stillwell, marked No. 13 was read, and committed to Messrs. Stockton, McCullough and Clement.

The Bill marked No. 14 was read, and ordered a second Reading on Thursday next.

The Report of Mr. Peck, marked No. 15 was read, and ordered a second Reading.  
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The Bill marked No. 16 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill marked No. 18 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill marked No. 19 was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Eleazer Mayhew, returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Salem, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed ; whereupon, being duly qualified by the Speaker, he took his Seat ; and having rendered to the House an Excuse for his Non-Attendance before this Time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. D. Vroom, Walton, Hedden, French and Hand, or any three of them, be a Committee to join the Committee of Council, for the Purpose of settling the Accounts of the Treasurer ; and that Mr. Biddle do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

Mr. Biddle reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Anderson, Wade and Frazer, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council, to inquire into the State of the Prerogative Office, and of the Secretary's Office of this State, and report thereon ; and that Mr. Blacklidge do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, October 30, 1795.*

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Morris County, praying that no Law may pass to empower Managers or other Persons to cut a Drain or Canal from some Place in Whippany River above Green's and Alling's Grist-Mill into some other Place in said River, agreeably to the Prayer of a Petition from sundry Persons of that Part of the Country, was read, and ordered a second Reading, with the Petition marked No. 2 in the Report of unfinished Business.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clement do wait on the Council and inform them that this House are ready to go into a Joint-Meeting to appoint a Governor and other State-Officers, and do request the Council to appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

A Petition from Thomas Talmage, and a Petition from Hezekiah Smith, stating that they are possessed of Estates which they purchased from the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, and that the Widows of the Persons whose Estates have been forfeited claim Dower therein, and praying that the State would indemnify them



them for the Damages they may sustain thereby, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Warrant, entitling John Russell to draw Three Dollars per Month during his Disability, was read and approved.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Boyd do carry the said Warrant to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the House that Council had appointed Messrs. Black and Lambert, or either of them, a Committee to join the Committee of this House for the Purpose of settling the Accounts of the Treasurer.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Wade, Morgan and Reuben Townsend, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for defraying Incidental Charges.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Van-Cleve, Stillwell and Sharps, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill for the Support of Government.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Imlay, Anderson and Wade, be a Committee to examine and correct the Minutes of the House.

Mr. Linn, from Council, informed the House that Council had appointed Mr. Condit a Committee to join the Committee of this House to inquire into the State of the Prerogative Office, and of the Secretary's Office, of this State, and to report thereon.

Mr. Stillwell, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Colonel Jonathan Forman, praying Compensation for a Horse which died on the Western Expedition, in the Service of the United States in 1794, was read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Southard and Starke.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the House that Council will be ready to go into a Joint-Meeting on Tuesday next, at 4 o'Clock in the Afternoon, in the Assembly-Room.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Memorial from Samuel Ogden, in Behalf of the Commissioners appointed by a Law of the State for laying out a Road from the Court-House in the Town of Newark to Paulus-Hook, praying Leave to present a Bill to authorize the Commissioners to correct a Mistake made by the Surveyors who run the said Road, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Gloucester, in Favour of Jacob Collatter and Elizabeth his Wife, was read, and committed to Messrs. Vredenburgh, Thomson and Armstrong, to report thereon.

A Petition from Robert-Cope Walton, stating Charges against William Mafon, Esquire, in the Execution of his Office as one of the Justices of the Peace of the County of Cumberland, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Stockholders of the Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, praying they may have Leave to present a Bill to incorporate the said Stockholders, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for registering of Births and Deaths,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,  
*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, October 31, 1795.*

The House met.

A Petition from Matthias Day, of Trenton, Printer, praying to be appointed to print the Laws of the State, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Remonstrance and Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, remonstrating against the Propriety of granting the Prayer of the Petition of Richard M'Donald, whose Petition was presented at the last Sitting, and who had Leave to present a Bill on Wednesday next, was read, and ordered a second Reading at the same Time.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 2, 1795.*

The House met.

A Warrant of Half-Pay, the Property of Mary M'Myer, granted to her on November the 23d, 1789, was presented, the Back thereof being full of Indorsements.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Lieu of the said Warrant: Whereupon, A Warrant was presented, read and approved.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton do carry the said Warrant to Council for Concurrence.

Benjamin Peck and Ebenezer Seeley, Esquires, returned as two of the Representatives for the County of Cumberland, appeared in the House, and produced the respective Certificates of their Election, which were read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, they took their Seats; and having rendered to the House an Excuse for their Non-Attendance before this Time, the same was deemed satisfactory.

Sundry Petitions from different Townships, praying a Law may pass to authorize them to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose, were read, and committed to Messrs. Boyd, Sinnickson and Debow.

Sundry Petitions from Persons confined in the different Gaols of the State, praying that a Law may pass for the Benefit of Insolvent Debtors, were read, and committed to Messrs. Frazer, Hough and Richard Townsend.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for registering of Births and Deaths;' and, after having gone through the said Bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be dismissed.

The Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act for laying out  
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“ a more direct Road from Little Timber Creek over Newton Creek near the Mouth thereof to Coopers’ Ferries, and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek at the Place aforesaid,” was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Wade, Clement and Wyckoff.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Dover, in the County of Monmouth, praying the Benefit of a Lottery the better to enable them to build a Church in the said Township, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Memorial of Samuel Ogden, read on the 30th Ultimo, was read a second Time: Whereupon,

Mr. Wade, with Leave, presented a Bill, intitled, ‘ A supplemental Act to an Act, intitled, “ An Act for building Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to examine the State of the Prerogative Office, and Secretary’s Office, of this State, reported as follows:

**T**H A T from the best Information the Committee have been able to obtain, ( without visiting the said Office ) a Part of which is from the chief Clerk, who hath been employed in said Offices for several Years past, we find that the same Person who hath been appointed Secretary hath also holden the Prerogative Office: That there remains unregistered in the Prerogative Office about four Years Papers, consisting generally of Wills, Letters of Administration and Guardianships, amounting to about Fourteen Hundred and Forty: That the Business in the Secretary’s Office is also deranged and incomplete.

Your Committee also think it their Duty to report that they find about Three Hundred and Sixty-five of the above Wills, Letters of Administration, and Guardianships, which belong to the Year Seventeen Hundred and Ninety-two, lodged in an unsafe Situation, in Mr. Gersthom Craft’s Office in this Town, which were as we are informed brought to this Town by Samuel W. Stockton, Esq. while Secretary, and a Part of them registered in a Book by his Clerk, but not compared and certified, which Book also is now in Mr. Craft’s Office.

From the above Facts your Committee are of Opinion, that as the Papers are of great Consequence to the Inhabitants of the State, as many Hundreds of Titles for Lands may be involved therein, Measures ought immediately to be taken by the Legislature to have the said Papers that are in this Town carefully transmitted to the Secretary’s Office in the City of Burlington, and that a Law ought to be passed, compelling the Secretaries and Clerks of the Prerogative Office in future to give ample Security for the faithful Performance of their Duty in the said Offices, and that some Method ought to be devised by the Legislature for having all the unfinished Business in the said Offices completed as soon as possible.

By Order of the Committee,

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Which Report was read and agreed to.

*Resolved*, That Thomas Adams, Esq. be authorized and directed, as early as possible, to transmit the Papers that belong to the Secretary and Prerogative Offices that are now in Trenton, and safely deposit the same in the proper Offices in the City of Burlington.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That Mr. Debow do carry the said Resolution to the Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The Petition of Robert-Cope Walton, stating charges against William Mason, Esq. in the Execution of his Office as one of the Justices of the Peace for the County of Cumberland, with Affidavits to support the Facts set forth in his Petition, was read a second Time: Whereupon,

The Speaker laid before the House a Certificate from sundry Persons stating the Facts relative to the Conduct of Justice Mason, which was also read;

*Ordered*, That the said Petition and Papers be referred to Messrs. Dayton, Bidle and Blackledge.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from John D. Morris, late a Soldier on the western Expedition in the Militia of this State, setting forth that he had a violent Fit of Sickness while in Service, and that he has been put to considerable Expenses for Medicine and Attendance while he was sick, and praying the Legislature would reimburse him that Expense, was read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Southard and Starke.

A Petition from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of Salem, with several Petitions from a great Number of Inhabitants of the same County, praying that a Law may pass to enable the County of Salem to purchase a Tract of Land, and erect a Poor-House thereon, wherein the Poor of the said County generally may be lodged, employed and supported, at the Expense of the County, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Isaac Neale, Printer of Burlington, praying to be appointed to print the Laws of the State, and Votes and Proceedings of the House of Assembly, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Imlay, pursuant to the Report of a Joint-Committee of Council and Assembly, appointed for the Purpose of making such Arrangements as will procure the more accurate Engrossing and speedy Publication of the Acts of the Legislature of this State, presented the following Resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That \_\_\_\_\_ be employed as an Engrossing Clerk during the present Session of the Legislature; that all Bills ordered to be engrossed shall be delivered by the Clerks of Council and Assembly unto the said \_\_\_\_\_ to be carefully engrossed, and by him re-delivered in at the Table of the respective Houses as soon as possible; and that the Legislature will provide for a Compensation to the said \_\_\_\_\_ for his Services.

2. *Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Assembly be directed to furnish \_\_\_\_\_ Printer, with fair and accurate Copies of the Laws as they pass, during the present Sitting of the Legislature, with marginal Notes thereto, in Order for Publication as soon as may be after they are passed.

3. *Resolved*, That the Clerk of the Assembly be required, as soon after the Rising of the Legislature as may be practicable, to furnish \_\_\_\_\_ Printer, with a true and fair Copy of the Votes and Proceedings of this House



for Publication, and that as soon as a sufficient Number of Copies of the Votes are printed and prepared for Distribution, the said Printer be required to furnish the Treasurer with the same, who is hereby required to apportion and forward the same in the Manner heretofore observed.

*Ordered*, That the same be committed to Messrs. Imlay, Dayton and Peck.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to prevent Frauds in the Sale of Lands,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the same be dismissed.

Pursuant to the Report of a Joint-Committee of the Council and Assembly,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Imlay, Boyd and Biddle, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill to compel the Secretary of the State, and Clerk of the Prerogative Office, in future to give ample Security for the faithful Performance of their Duty in the said Offices, and to direct how and in what Manner the unfinished Business in the said Offices shall be completed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 3, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Stockton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Daniel Hunt, of the County of Suffex, stating his Demand against the Estate of Joseph Smith, of Hunterdon County, whose Estate was confiscated and sold, do find, upon examining the Documents to us delivered, that the Sum of Forty Pounds is due to the said Hunt and are of the Opinion that the said Sum ought to be paid to the said Hunt, if so much of the Estate of the said Joseph Smith should remain in the Hands of the Treasurer.

By Order of the Committee,  
ROBERT STOCKTON.

Which Report was read and agreed to.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act for laying out a Road from Little Timber Creek over Newton Creek near the Mouth thereof to Coopers' Ferries, " and for erecting a Bridge over the said Creek at the Place aforesaid," reported the same with sundry Amendments, which Bill was read, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be dismissed.

Mr. Debow reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petition of Thomas Talmage, and the Petition of Hezekiah Smith, read on the 30th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Manning, Imlay and Mayhew, to report thereon.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for procuring a more equal Representation in the several Counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this State,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

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The House adjourned to four o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and, being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 4, 1795.*

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from John Haring, Esq. elected a Representative for the County of Bergen, apologizing for his Non-Attendance on Account of his Indisposition, which was read, and the Excuse deemed satisfactory.

Mr. Vredenburgh, from the Committee to whom the Certificates of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace, of the County of Gloucester, in Favour of Jacob Collater and Elizabeth his Wife, were committed,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT the Proceedings of the Court appear to be conformable to the Act in such Case made and provided, and the Claim of the Petitioner well founded; your Committee are therefore of Opinion that a Warrant should issue, entitling the said Elizabeth Collater (late Tomlin) to one Half of the monthly Pay of her late Husband, from the fourth Day of March, 1777, until the ninth Day of May, 1780.

By Order of the Committee,

PETER VREDENBURGH.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Monmouth County, praying that the Bill before the House, intituled, 'An Act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the eastern Division of New-Jersey to dispose of the Lots and Parts of Lots that remain undrawn in the late Division of Ramapoch,' may be passed, was read; whereupon the said Bill was read a second Time, the Bill debated by Paragraphs, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Richard M'Donald,' which Bill was read with the Petition of Richard M'Donald and the Remonstrance from the Township of Bedminster read on the 30th Ultimo, was read a second Time.

*Ordered,* That the Consideration of the said Bill be postponed until next Tuesday at ten o'Clock, A. M.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the  
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' eastern Division of New-Jersey to dispose of the Lots and Parts of Lots that remain undrawn in the late Division of Ramapoch,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Biddle have Leave of Absence until Friday next.

A Petition from Benajah Parvin, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Van-Cleve, Stillwell and Seeley.

Mr. M'Cullough, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Daniel Hunt, of the County of Suffex,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, November 5, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom was referred the Resolutions brought in on the second Instant in Pursuance of the Report of a Joint-Committee of Council and Assembly, reported the two first Resolutions without Amendment; on the Question, Whether the Blanks in the first Resolution be filled up with the Name of Gersthom Craft, Esquire? It was carried in the Affirmative: On the Question, Whether the Blank in the second Resolution be filled up with the Name of Matthias Day? It was carried in the Affirmative.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Frazer do carry the said Resolution to Council for Concurrence.

The Resolution No. 3 was also reported; on the Question, Whether the Blank therein be filled up with the Name of Isaac Collins? It was carried in the Affirmative: On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Mr. Manning, from the Committee appointed to join the Committee of Council to burn the cancelled Money in the Treasury Office, brought in the following Report:

**A**N Account of Loan-Office Money paid into the Treasury of New-Jersey, by the Commissioners of the New Loan-Offices in the several Counties on Account of Principal Money loaned, which has been cancelled by their respective Boards of Justices and Freeholders, agreeably to a Law passed November 24, 1788.

Counties



Counties	120f	60f	30f	15f	12f	6f	3f	1f	Amount		
									£.	s.	d.
Bergen,	18	50	45	140	189	81	72	72	582	12	0
Effex,	23	60	158	263	436	161	177	136	1095	10	0
Middlesex,	55	88	98	286	501	210	201	262	1362	7	0
Monmouth,	23	108	171	388	579	221	182	155	1458	5	0
Somerfet,	32	112	217	320	553	523	639	545	1705	6	0
Burlington,	82	114	135	149	271	618	837	849	1664	5	0
Gloucester,	37	100	220	193	321	122	49	30	1234	16	0
Salem,	44	70	144	296	452	136	113	1	1241	0	0
Cape-May,	3	9	59	55	75	9	2	1	222	16	0
Hunterdon,	69	135	231	614	709	295	303	483	2209	10	0
Morris,	40	83	216	401	665	326	520	791	1728	2	0
Cumberland,	13	48	116	140	233	69	69	24	673	1	0
Suffex,	11	119	205	432	900	351	207	185	1740	2	0
	450	1096	2015	3677	5884	3122	3371	3534	16917	12	0

We, the Committee of both Houses, do hereby certify, that James Mott, Treasurer, has delivered to us the Sum of Sixteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen Pounds Twelve Shillings, Loan Office Money, cancelled in the several Counties by their respective Boards of Justices and Freeholders, agreeably to the above Statement, which we have examined, counted and burned.

By Order of the Committees,

THOMAS SINNICKSON,  
BENJAMIN MANNING.

October 31, 1795.

To which Report the House agreed.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the House that Council had concurred in the Resolution authorizing Thomas Adams, Esq. to transmit the Papers that belong to the Secretary and Prerogative Offices that are now in Trenton, and deposit them in the proper Offices in the City of Burlington.

A Petition from Samuel Pleafants, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, informed the House that Council have concurred in the Warrant of Half-Pay in Favour of Mary M'Myer, issued in Lieu of one granted November 23, 1789.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Payment of a Part of the Interest due on the State Debt,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Anderson, Hedden and Stillwell.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Petition from the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of Salem, with several Petitions from a great Number of Inhabitants of the same County, read on the 2d Instant, was read a second Time, and Leave given to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition; whereupon,

Mr. Mayhew presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the better

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‘ Relief and Employment of the Poor of the County of Salem,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Order of the Day on the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to make Titles to certain Islands in the Delaware,’ being called for,

*Ordered,* That the same be postponed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Mr. Whilden, from Council, informed the House that Council have concurred in the Resolution appointing Gershom Craft engrossing Clerk during the present Session, also the Resolution that the Clerk of Assembly furnish Matthias Day, Printer, with Copies of the Laws as they pass during the present Sitting of the Legislature.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, November 6, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Biddle returned and took his Seat.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Frazer reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Daniel Hunt, of the County of Suffex,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Robert Wade and Stephen Crane, Executors, &c. of David Wade, late of the County of Essex, deceased, was read, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Mayhew and M'Cullough, to report thereon.

Two Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Township of Windsor, in the County of Middlesex, praying that an Act may pass directing a Division of the said Township, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the eastern Division of New-Jersey to dispose of the Lots and Parts of Lots that remain undrawn in the late Division of Ramapoch,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:



Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stillwell,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Stockton,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Richard Townsend,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Reuben Townsend,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. McCullough,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wallace.	
Mr. Peck,		
Mr. Seeley,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. French do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill for the Support of Government, presented a Bill, intituled, ‘An Act to raise the Sum of ‘Fifteen Thousand Pounds, for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and ‘Ninety-six,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill in the unfinished Business of the last Sitting, intituled, ‘An Act concerning the Cavalry,’ was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. French reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the ‘Punishment of Crimes,’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the ‘Punishment of Crimes,’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. Imlay, Boyd, Hough, Clement and Wade.

A Petition from Thomas Jones, of the County of Salem, praying Compensation for a Horse, Gun and Accoutrements taken from him by the Enemy in March 1778, was read with the Vouchers accompanying the same, and committed to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Bill, intituled, ‘A supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, “An Act for building Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,” was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor  
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' of the County of Salem,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Imlay, Sinnickson and Vredenburg.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Imlay have Leave of Absence until Monday next.

The Petition, praying the Benefit of a Lottery to build a Church near Toms River Bridge, read on the 2d Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Walton, Peck and Debow.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 7, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions from certain Townships, praying for a Law to enable them to repair their Highways by Hire,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT it is the Opinion of the Committee, that the Request of the Petitioners is reasonable, and that their Prayer ought to be granted.

By Order of the Committee,

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To which the House agreed; whereupon,

Mr. Sinnickson, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of certain Towns and Townships to repair their publick Highways by Hire," which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the House that Council disagree to the Warrant in Favour of John Ruffel, late a Soldier in Lieutenant Shadwick's Company of Militia of this State.

A Petition from the Justices and Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Alloways Creek, setting forth the Insanity of Samuel Quinton Tolbot, and praying that an Agent or Agents may be appointed by Law to take Charge of the Estate of Samuel Quinton Tolbot, with Power to dispose of the same to pay his Debts, and reimburse the Township for the Expenses they have been at in the Support and Maintenance of the said Samuel Quinton Tolbot. Also a Petition from the Brothers and Sisters of the said Samuel Quinton Tolbot was read, desiring that the Prayer of the said Petition may be granted.

*Ordered,* That the said Petitions be read a second Time.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Suffex, praying that a Law may pass, appointing suitable Persons to take Charge of the Estate of John Honneywell, deceased, and apply the same as near as may be to the Intentions and Design of the Testator, was read with the Will of the said Deceased, and ordered a second Reading.

The two Petitions for a Division of the Township of Windsor, read Yesterday, was read a second Time.

*Ordered,* That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill on Tuesday the 17th Instant, agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition, on previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in at least five  
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of the most publick Places in the Township of Windfor, for at least five Days previous thereto, and also in at least three of the most publick Places in other Parts of the said County for the same Length of Time.

Mr. Anderfon, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Payment of a Part of the Interest due on the State Debt,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, and the following Title, 'An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt,' which was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to raise the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Executors of David Wade, deceased, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they have examined the Contents of said Petition, and are well satisfied that the Facts set forth in said Petition are true, and are of Opinion that the Prayer of said Petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted by the Legislature.

By Order of the Committee,  
HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 9, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Benajah Parvin, from the County of Cumberland,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the said Petitioner should have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

By Order of the Committee.  
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

To which the House agreed : Whereupon,

Mr. Peck presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Benajah Parvin,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of certain Towns and Townships to repair their publick Highways by Hire,"' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from James Mott, Esq. Treasurer of the State, desiring to know whether he is to receive Bank Notes in the Treasury, in Payment of Taxes ; and if he is to receive them, that the particular Banks, from which he may receive them, may be named, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, "An Act for building Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,"' was read and compared.



*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hand do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Petition from the Stockholders of the Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, read on the 30th Ultimo, was read a second Time, and Leave given to the Petitioners to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition :

Whereupon,

Mr. Wade, in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Directors of the Bridge now erecting over the River Passaick, at the Village of Second River, praying that three or more Commissioners may be appointed to lay out a Road to the said Bridge in such a Manner as may be most useful to the Publick from Hackinsack River through the Cedar-Swamp, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act declaring who shall be admitted Witnessees, and what Judges shall sit on hearing of Causes for the Recovery of publick Monies from Delinquent Officers and others,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Hand reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Robert C. Walton,

*Reported*,

**T**HAT the Vouchers accompanying the same are not sufficient to justify an Impeachment, therefore they are of Opinion said Petition ought to be dismissed.

By Order of the Committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

To which Report the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition and Papers accompanying the same be dismissed.

Mr. Van-Cleve, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal Part of an Act passed the twelfth Day of June, Seventeen Hundred and Ninety,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from the Justices and Overseers of the Poor of the Township of Alloways Creek, read on the seventh Instant, was read a second Time, and Henry Irith was examined as a Witness.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition : Whereupon,

Mr. Mayhew presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning Samuel Quinton Talbot, of the County of Salem,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to raise the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six,' was read and compared.

*Resolved*



*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Hedden do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Imlay returned and took his Seat.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Daniel Hunt, of the County of Suffex,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Thompson,	Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. French,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Debow,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Hand,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,		Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Southard,	Mr. Walton,		
Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wyckoff.		

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Hough do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Report of Mr. Vredenburg, of the fourth Instant, on the Application of Elizabeth Collatter, was read a second Time and agreed to.

*Ordered,* That a Warrant do issue accordingly.

Mr. Hedden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 10, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Hough reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Somerset, in Favour of Elizabeth Dugan, Widow of Nathan Dugan, late a Soldier in Colonel Johnson's Regiment, and who was killed in the Service of the United States, was read, and committed to Messrs. Van-Cleve, Starke and Somers, to report thereon.

On Motion,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Van-Cleve, Sharps and Hand, be a Committee to join a Committee of Council to examine and settle the Accounts of the Commissioners appointed to improve the Post Road across Rocky Hill, and that Mr. Imlay do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

A Petition from the Consistory, as Trustees, of the Protestant Dutch Congregation of Minisink, praying the Benefit of a Lottery to aid the Funds of the said Congregation, was read, and committed to Messrs. Walton, Peck and Debow.

Mr.



Mr. Imlay reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning Samuel Quinton Talbot, of the County of Salem,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Frazer, Biddle and Sinnickson.

The Letter from the Treasurer, read Yesterday, was read a second Time, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from Peter Brocow, late a Soldier in the Jersey Brigade, praying Compensation for the Depreciation of his Pay, was read, and committed to Messrs. Stockton, Wallace and Wyckoff, to report thereon.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Benajah Parvin,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, on the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Major Richard M'Donald,' the Parties attended, and informed the House that they had so agreed to alter the Bill that the Parties opposed to the said Bill should make no further Opposition thereto.

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act to enable the Inhabitants of certain Towns and Townships to repair their publick Highways by Hire,"' was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M'Cullough do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Cook, from Council, informed the House that Council have appointed Mr. Cooper to be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly for the Purpose of examining and settling the Accounts of the Commissioners appointed to improve the Post Road across Rocky Hill.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal Part of an Act passed the twelfth Day of June, Seventeen Hundred and Ninety,' was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt,' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the same be committed to Messrs. Boyd, Manning and Clement.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Elizabeth Town, praying that Andrew G. Fraunces may not be allowed the Benefit of an Act of Insolvency, agreeably to the Prayer of his Petition, was read, and referred to Messrs. Frazer, Hough and Richard Townsend.

Mr. Elmer, from Council, informed the House that Council have rejected the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Daniel Hunt.'

A Petition from sundry Merchants, of the County of Essex, praying that the Legislature would pass a Law to prohibit the Practice of Peddling, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Certificate



A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Gloucester, in Favour of Sarah Dorum, late Githins, who was the Widow of Joseph Githins, late a Soldier of this State in the Service of the United States, was read, and committed to Messrs. Van-Cleve, Starke and Somers, to report thereon.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, 'A Supplemental Act to an Act, intituled, "An Act for building "Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinack, and for other Purposes there-  
"in mentioned," without Amendment.

Mr. M'Cullough reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 11, 1795.*

The House met.

A Petition from the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, praying that a Law may pass to enable the County of Monmouth or the Township of Shrewsbury to purchase a Tract of Land, and erect a Poorhouse thereon, wherein the Poor of the said Township or the Poor of the County may be lodged, employed and supported at the Expence of the County, was read, and committed to Messrs. Imlay, Sinnickson and Vredenburg.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act passed the 'twelfth Day of June, Seventeen Hundred and Ninety,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Armstrong,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Blackledge,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. French,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Somers,
Mr. M'Cullough,		Mr. Southard,
Mr. Manning,		Mr. Thompson,
Mr. Morgan,		Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Sharps,		Mr. Rn. Townsend,
		Mr. Wallace.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Benajah Parvin,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

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Yeas.



Yeas.  
 Mr. Anderson,  
 Mr. Armstrong,  
 Mr. Biddle,  
 Mr. Blacklidge,  
 Mr. Boyd,  
 Mr. Debow,  
 Mr. Frazer,  
 Mr. French,  
 Mr. Hough,  
 Mr. Imlay,  
 Mr. M'Cullough,  
 Mr. Manning,  
 Mr. Morgan,  
 Mr. Peck,  
 Mr. Seeley,

Yeas.  
 Mr. Sharps,  
 Mr. Sinnickson,  
 Mr. Somers,  
 Mr. Southard,  
 Mr. Starke,  
 Mr. Stillwell,  
 Mr. Stockton,  
 Mr. Thomson,  
 Mr. Van-Cleve,  
 Mr. Vredenburg,  
 Mr. D. Vroom,  
 Mr. Wallace,  
 Mr. Walton,  
 Mr. Wyckoff.

Nays.  
 Mr. Clement,  
 Mr. Dayton,  
 Mr. Hand,  
 Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
 Mr. Rn. Townsend,  
 Mr. Wade.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Manning do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Manning reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Major Richard M'Donald.'

General Frelinghuysen attended, and was sworn to give Evidence to the House respecting the subject Matter of the Bill, and was heard.

*Ordered*, That the same be read a second Time.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for procuring a more equal Representation in the several Counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this State,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Frazer, Southard, Anderson and Reuben Townsend.

A Warrant of Half-Pay, the Property of Rachel Shores, granted to her the 19th of November, 1789, was presented, the Back thereof being full of Endorsements.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Lieu of the said Warrant, whereupon, A Warrant was presented, read and approved.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock. P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Haring, from Council, informed the House that the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to raise the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Pounds for the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-six,' is passed by Council without Amendment.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from Daniel Van-Ripe, which was read, and ordered to be filed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Morris County, praying that the Legislature would not grant the Prayer of the Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Morris



Morris County, read on the 30th Ultimo, was read, and ordered a second Reading with the said Petition, and with the Paper marked No. 2, in the Report of unfinished Business.

A Petition from Levi Silvers, of the County of Hunterdon, stating that he purchased a confiscated Estate from the State, and paid therefor; that the same has been since recovered from him by an Action of Ejectment; and praying to have Leave to present a Bill, directing the Treasurer to reimburse him the Money he paid; was read, and Leave given to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition; whereupon,

Mr. Van-Cleve presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, 'An Act directing the Treasurer to issue a Certificate to Levi Silvers,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Heirs of John Emley, late of Alexandria, deceased, praying Leave to present a Bill to empower Trustees to make Sale of the Real Estate, and to complete the Sale of the Lands which the Testator had agreed to sell in his Lifetime, and to divide the Monies thence arising among the Heirs in Proportion to their respective Rights, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the House that Council had rejected the Bill, intitled, 'An Act for the Relief of Benajah Parvin.'

A Petition from fundry Sheriffs of the State, praying an Amendment to the Fee-bill, and that they may be allowed a better Compensation for their Services, was read, and committed to Messrs. Anderson, Southard and Wallace, to report thereon.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, November 12, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill and Petitions accompanying the same concerning Samuel Quinton Talbot, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have carefully examined and duly considered the same, and are of Opinion that the Act, intitled, 'An Act for supporting Ideots and Lunatics, and preserving their Estates,' passed at Trenton the 21st Day of November, 1794, is fully competent to grant Relief to the said Samuel Quinton Talbot and to the Petitioners on his Behalf, which is humbly submitted to the honourable House.

Signed by Order of the said Committee,  
DAVID FRAZER.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be dismissed.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee of Council and Assembly, appointed for the Purpose of settling the Accounts of Robert Stockton and Thomas M'Dowell, Esqrs. Commissioners appointed by Law to repair the Post-Road across Rocky Hill, in the Counties of Somerset and Middlesex,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT they have carefully inspected the same, and find that the said Commissioners have received from the Treasurer of this State the Sum of Two Hundred



Hundred Pounds, and that they expended, in executing the Duties of their Appointment on said Road, the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds, including their own Charges for Time spent as allowed by Law, as appears by their Vouchers produced from No. 1 to No. 44, which balances the Account for the present Year.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSEPH COOPER,

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

To which the House agreed.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris, praying the Benefit of a Lottery for the Education of Youth, and the Encouragement of Literature, was read, and committed to Messrs. Walton, Peck and Debow, to report thereon.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the House that Council had rejected the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to repeal Part of an Act passed the twelfth Day of June, Seventeen Hundred and Ninety.

The Report of Mr. Peck, on the Petition of John Van-Nest, was read a second Time, whereupon a Petition was presented from John Van-Nest, which was read.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

The Petition from the Heirs of John Emley, read Yesterday, was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Elizabeth Dugan, of the County of Somerset, Widow of John Dugan, deceased, late a Soldier of this State, who died in the Service of the United States, to which Committee was also referred the Application of John Dorum and Sarah his Wife, late Sarah Githens, Widow of Joseph Githens, of the County of Gloucester, and late a Soldier of this State in the Service of the United States.

*Reported*,

**T**HAT your Committee are of Opinion that the above Applicant Elizabeth Dugan is entitled to the Half-Pay of her said deceased Husband from the first Day of September, Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-six, during her Widowhood. And the said John Dorum and Sarah his Wife, late Sarah Githens, Widow of Joseph Githens, are entitled to the Half-Pay of the said Joseph Githens so long as she the said Sarah remained the Widow of said Joseph Githens, to wit, from the first Day of September, 1776, to the third Day of May, 1790.

By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time.

The Petition from Samuel Pleasants, read on the 5th Instant, with the Papers accompanying the same, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Frazer, Morgan and Thomson, to report thereon.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, which Bill was read, the Amendments read in their Places, and being further amended in the House, on the Question, Whether the same be engrossed? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.



Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Armstrong,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wade,
Mr. French,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Walton.	

A Petition from Reuben Culver, of the County of Morris, praying that the Legislature would pass a Law to exonerate him from the Payment of a Fine imposed on James Knox, by the Court of the County of Morris, for whom he became Bail, with a Petition from Jacob Arnold, Esq. late Sheriff, on the same Subject, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House a Report of James Mott, Treasurer, and Aaron Dunham, Auditor, stating the particular Certificates and their Amount received by them, agreeably to the Resolution of the Legislature of the last Session, which was read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

A Memorial from Jasper Smith, Esq. Attorney and Counsellor at Law, stating the Abuses which are committed by Defendants in bringing Writs of *habeas Corpus cum Causa*, for the Removal of Causes from the Courts of Common Pleas of the Supreme Court, for Sums under Fifty Pounds, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from John Freeland, of the County of Middlesex, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Stockton, Wyckoff and Morgan.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,  
*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, November 13, 1795.*

The House met.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M'Cullough have Leave of Absence until Monday next.  
 Mr. Walton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of fundry  
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dry Inhabitants of the Counties of Monmouth, Morris and Suffex, praying for Lotteries to answer certain Purposes therein set forth, reported as follows :

**T**HAT although the Matters set forth in said Petitions may be strictly true, yet, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Remedy by Lotteries would be very improper.

By Order of the Committee,

ELISHA WALTON.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That the said Petitions be dismissed.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of Thomas Talmage and Hezekiah Smith,

*Reported*,

**T**HAT they have attentively considered the Facts set forth in the said Petitions, and the Nature of the Application contained therein, and are of Opinion that the Prayer of the Petitioner cannot be granted.

By Order of the Committee,

J. H. IMLAY.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time.

Mr. Van-Cleve, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to appoint Trustees to sell the ' real Estate of John Imlay, late of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, Esq. ' deceased, and to dispose of the Monies thence arising, and for other Purposes ' therein mentioned ; ' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Matthias Allen, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, complaining of the unequal Burden on the Inhabitants in the raising of Men, agreeably to Law, to perform Military Duty, and praying that the Legislature would remedy the Evil complained of, was read and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Imlay and M'Cullough, to report thereon.

Mr. Linn, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Warrant in Lieu of one granted to Rachel Shores, the Back of which was filled with Endorsements.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the ' Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey ; ' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. Wade, Boyd and Clement.

Mr. Black, from Council, presented a Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning Wills, ' to which he requested the Concurrence of this House ; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Cooper. from Council, presented the Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an ' Act, intituled, " An Act to enable the Inhabitants of certain Towns and Town- ' ships to repair their publick Highways by Hire," with the Amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House ; which Bill with the Amendments were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition



A Petition from the President and Managers of the Company for improving the Navigation of the North Branch of Rancocas Creek, was read, stating Difficulties attending the improving of the Navigation, and praying Leave to present a Bill to remedy the Difficulty complained of, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Report of Mr. Van-Cleve of Yesterday, was read a second Time; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report as far as respects the Application of the Widow Dugan? It was carried in the Negative; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report as far as respects the Application of John Dorum and Sarah his Wife, late Sarah Githens? It was carried in the Negative.

Mr. Stillwell moved for Leave to present the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal an Act passed the tenth Day of June, Seventeen Hundred and ' Seventy-nine;' on the Question, Whether Leave be given or not? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. French,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Debow	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Wallace.	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Hough,		Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Imlay,		Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Manning,		Mr. D. Vroom,
Mr. Morgan,		Mr. Wade,
Mr. Peck,		Mr. Walton,
Mr. Seeley,		Mr. Wyckoff.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Armstrong have Leave of Absence until Monday next.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 14, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom were referred the Petitions of several Debtors, confined in the common Gaols of different Counties in this State, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have carefully examined and duly considered the Petitions referred to them, and beg Leave to report that they find the Facts set forth in their several Petitions unsupported by their Creditors and Neighbours. except the Petition of Charles Gordon, Nathan Reeves and Joseph Smith; nevertheless we are ready to conclude that the Facts set forth in their several Petitions are well founded, and think they merit legislative Interference so far as to extend the late Insolvent Law to their Liberation, excepting Andrew G. Fraunces and William Livingston, who, in our Opinion, do not appear in so favourable a Light as to be liberated by the Legislature; all which we humbly submit to the honourable House.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from the Sheriffs of the several Counties of this State,

*Reported*,

**T**HAT they are informed Judge Paterson is preparing a Bill to lay before the Legislature for regulating the Office of Sheriff, your Committee are therefore of Opinion that it is premature at this Time to take up that Business.

By Order of the Committee,

GEORGE ANDERSON.

To which the House agreed.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Committee appointed to bring in a Bill to regulate the Prerogative and Secretary's Offices, be discharged.

*Resolved*, That when the House do rise for this Sitting they will meet again  
at

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Taxes levied in—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Bergen,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,

Specie or  
lawful Money.

£. 266 14 11

402 5 9

69 14 3

£. 738 14 11

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Burlington,  
Suffex,

State Money

& Certificates.

£. 605 9 6½

578 19 7½

£. 1184 9 2



at the State-House on the first Wednesday in February next.

Sundry Petitions from Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, stating that final Judgment against a Number of Fugitives whose Estates were forfeited, was omitted to be entered by the Clerk of the County of Monmouth during the War, or had been since taken out of the Record, and praying that a Law may pass to remedy that Defect in the Proceedings of the Court, were read,

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition on the second Wednesday in the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in two of the Newspapers of this State, and three of the most publick Places in the said County, for at least six Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. D. Vroom, from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of Council for the Purpose of settling the Accounts of the Treasurer, brought in the following Statement and Reports :

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,	CR.
—Continental Money and reduced to Specie.	
By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the	Specie or
Counties of	lawful Money.
Bergen,	£. 266 14 11
Hunterdon,	402 5 9
Morris,	69 14 3
	£. 738 14 11

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,	CR.
—Money and Certificates, due December 1, 1781.	
By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the	State Money
Counties of	& Certificates.
Burlington,	£. 578 0 2 $\frac{1}{4}$
Suffex,	578 19 7 $\frac{3}{4}$
Balance carried to Account current,	27 9 4
	£. 1184 9 2

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State—

To Deficiency not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the County of  
Suffex,

State Money  
& Certificates.  
£. 1239 8 0 $\frac{1}{4}$

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 50,000 State—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Essex,  
Monmouth,  
Huntingdon,  
Morris,

State Money & Certificates.	Specie.
-	£. 49 0 1
£. 25 3 10 $\frac{1}{4}$	
190 0 7	
853 19 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	
£. 1069 4 0 $\frac{1}{4}$	£. 49 0 1

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Proportion of the first Payment of—

To Deficiency not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the County of  
Suffex,

State Money.  
£. 212 7 9

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Proportion of the second Payment of—

To Deficiency not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the County of  
Suffex,

State Money.  
£. 568 14 9



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Money and Certificates and £. 25,000 Specie, due April 1, 1782.

By Deficiency not yet paid in by the  
County of Suffex,  
November 1, 1795.

State Money  
& Certificates.  
£. 1239 8 0 $\frac{3}{4}$

By Order of the Committees,  
JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Money and Certificates and £. 25,000 Specie, due July 1, 1782.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
Counties of Effex, " "  
Hunterdon, "  
Morris, "  
Balance carried to Account current,

State Money & Certificates.	Specie.
£. 190 0 7	£. 49 0 1
839 3 1 $\frac{1}{2}$	
40 0 4 $\frac{1}{4}$	
£. 1069 4 0 $\frac{3}{4}$	£. 49 0 1

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Tax for raising £. 90,000, due October 1, 1782.

Amount carried to Account current,  
November 1, 1795.

State Money.  
£. 212 7 9

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM,

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Tax for raising £. 90,000, due January 1, 1783.

By Deficiency not yet paid in by the  
County of Suffex,  
Balance carried to Account current,

State Money.  
£. 530 7 10  
38 6 11  
£. 568 14 9

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

DR.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Proportion of the second Payment of—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Suffex,

Specie.

£. 721 15 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ 

119 7 10

559 0 2

£. 1400 3 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ 

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising £. 10,000 Specie—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Hunterdon,  
Suffex,

£. 529 18 4

633 18 7

£. 1163 16 11

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of £. 31,259 5 0—

To Deficiency not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the County of  
Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£. 369 14 8

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of £. 31,259 5 0—

To Deficiency not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the County of  
Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£. 614 7 1



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Tax for raising £. 90,930, due January 1, 1784.

By Deficiency not yet paid in by the  
County of

Hunterdon,

Balance carried to Account current,

Specie.

£. 721 15 4½  
678 8 0

£. 1400 3 4½

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—for sinking £. 30,000 in Bills of Credit, due December 1, 1785.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
Counties of

Hunterdon,

Suffex,

£. 529 18 4  
633 18 7

£. 1163 16 11

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—in Bills of Credit, due December 1, 1785.

By Deficiency not yet paid in by the  
County of

Suffex,

November 1, 1795.

Lawful Money.

£. 369 14 8

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—in Bills of Credit, due December 30, 1786.

By Deficiency not yet paid in by the  
County of

Suffex,

November 1, 1795.

Lawful Money.

£. 614 7 1

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of £. 31,259 5 0—

To Deficiency not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the County of  
Suffex,

Lawful Money.  
£. 334 15 6

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising a Revenue of £. 31,259 5 0—

To Deficiency not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the County of  
Suffex,

Lawful Money.  
£. 199 15 7

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Tax for raising—

To the Quotas of the said Tax payable into the  
Treasury by the Counties.

Bergen,  
Effex,  
Middlesex,  
Monmouth,  
Somerset,  
Burlington,  
Gloucester,  
Salem,  
Cape-May,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Cumberland,  
Suffex,

Lawful Money.

£.	1000	1	8
	1073	2	4
	1235	10	0½
	1498	16	0
	1214	19	6
	1689	0	5
	1210	5	9
	1028	13	4½
	202	17	10½
	1961	11	5
	1103	2	6
	524	10	3½
	1257	8	10

£. 15,000 0 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—in Bills of Credit, due December 30, 1788.

By Deficiency not yet paid in by the  
County of

Suffex,

Balance carried to Account current,

Lawful Money.

£. 220 3 6

114 12 0

£. 334 15 6

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—in Bills of Credit, due December 30, 1789.

By Amount carried to Account current,  
November 1, 1795.

Lawful Money.

£. 199 15 7

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—£. 15,000, due December 30, 1794.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
Counties of

Effex,

Monmouth,

Balance carried to Account current,

Lawful Money.

£. 80 5 6

181 9 10½

14,738 4 7½

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

£. 15,000 0 0

DR.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Tax in Specie, due October 1, 1782, which was payable to the Receiver of—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Morris,  
Suffex,

Specie or  
lawful Money.

£. 398 16 10  
605 4 9  
£. 1004 1 7

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Tax in Specie, due January 1, 1783, which was payable to the Receiver of—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Monmouth,  
Somerset,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Suffex,

Specie or  
lawful Money.

£. 131 11 9  
435 17 5  
2183 17 3½  
2478 13 4  
2299 9 10  
£. 7529 9 7½

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Tax in Specie, due October 1, 1783, which was payable to the Receiver of—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of  
Monmouth,  
Somerset,  
Burlington,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Cumberland,  
Suffex,

Specie or  
lawful Money.

£. 1367 4 0½  
1293 0 0  
1540 6 4  
368 6 2  
1239 6 8  
387 13 1  
863 14 7  
£. 7059 10 10½



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Continental Taxes, but by a Law passed November 28, 1789, is made payable into the Treasury.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
Counties ofSpecie or  
lawful Money.Morris,  
Suffex,

£.	64	5	11
	605	4	9
	334	10	11

Balance carried to Account current,

£.	1004	1	7
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November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Continental Taxes, but by a Law passed November 28, 1789, is made payable into the Treasury.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
Counties ofSpecie or  
lawful Money.Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Suffex,

£.	2183	17	3½
	2478	13	4
	2299	9	10
	567	9	2

Balance carried to Account current,

£.	7529	9	7½
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November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Continental Taxes, but by a Law passed November 28, 1789, is made payable into the Treasury.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
Counties ofSpecie or  
lawful Money.Monmouth,  
Somerset,  
Burlington,  
Hunterdon,  
Morris,  
Cumberland,  
Suffex,

£.	1098	2	6½
	800	0	0
	1216	19	4
	368	6	2
	1239	6	8
	231	2	7
	823	11	7
	1282	2	0

Balance carried to Account current,

£.	7059	10	10½
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November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Tax in Specie, due January 1, 1784, which was payable to the Receiver of—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties ofSpecie or  
lawful Money.

Bergen,	£. 51 19 4
Essex,	421 0 8
Middlesex,	200 0 0
Monmouth,	1465 10 0
Somerset,	1293 0 0
Burlington,	1540 6 4
Hunterdon,	2031 10 0
Morris,	1239 6 8
Cumberland,	675 0 0
Suffex,	1200 0 0

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 £. 10,117 13 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Continental Taxes, but by a Law passed November 28, 1789, is made payable into the Treasury.

By Deficiencies not yet paid in by the  
Counties of

Specie or  
lawful Money:

Bergen,	£. 51 19 4
Essex,	165 13 2
Middlesex,	50 0 0
Monmouth,	1465 10 0
Somerfet,	1293 0 0
Burlington,	1540 6 4
Hunterdon,	1882 0 5
Morris,	1239 6 8
Cumberland,	675 0 0
Suffex,	728 0 0
Balance carried to Account current,	1026 17 1
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	£. 10,117 13 0

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

AMOUNT



AMOUNT OF DEFICIENCIES DUE FROM THE SEVERAL COUNTIES.

ARRARS of TAXES, due before the Year 1795.											TOTAL AMOUNT.					
	Levied in old State Money.		Levied in Contin. Money, & reduced to Specie.		Levied in Specie, formerly payable to the Continental Receiver.		Sinking Fund Tax, due Dec. 1, 1785.		Arrears of Revenue Taxes.		Tax due Dec. 30, 1794.		Old State Money.		Specie or lawful Money.	
Bergen,	£.	0 0 0	266	14 11	0	0 0	51	19 4	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	318	14 3
Essex,		0 0 0	0	0 0	49	0 1	165	13 2	0	0 0	0	0 0	80	5 6	0	0 0
Middlesex,		0 0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	50	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	50	0 0
Monmouth,		0 0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	2563	12 6½	0	0 0	0	0 0	181	9 10¼	0	0 0
Somerset,		0 0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	2093	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	2093	0 0
Burlington,	578	0 2½	0	0 0	0	0 0	2757	5 8	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	578	0 2½
Gloucester,	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0
Salem,	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0
Cape-May,	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0
Hunterdon,	190	0 7	402	5 9	721	15 4½	4434	3 10½	529	18 4	0	0 0	0	0 0	190	0 7
Morris,	839	3 1½	69	14 3	0	0 0	5021	12 7	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	839	3 1½
Cumberland,	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	906	2 7	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0	0	0 0
Suffex,	2348	15 6½	0	0 0	0	0 0	4456	6 2	633	18 7	1204	5 3	0	0 0	2348	15 6½

£. 3955 19 5½      738 14 11      770 15 5½      22499 15 11      1163 16 11      1204 5 3      261 15 4½      3955 19 5½      26639 3 10

The Exempt Taxes and Militia Fines are not included in the above Statement of Deficiencies.



## JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,

DR.

On Account of Cash received of sundry Persons.

1795.			
Jan. 13,	Received of Reuben Burgin, Esq. Sheriff of Cumberland County, on Account of Fines levied in said County,	£.	10 7 0
Mar. 19,	Eleazer Hand, late Sheriff of Cape-May County, on Account of Fines levied in said County,		4 10 10
April 8,	Pruden Alling, former Sheriff of Morris County, on Account of Fines levied in said County,		2 8 9
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	Amount carried to Account current,	£.	17 6 7
November 1,	1795.		

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

## JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,

DR.

On Account of Cash received from Agents of forfeited Estates.

1794.			
Nov. 24,	Received of Abraham Kitchel, Esq. Agent of forfeited Estates for Morris County, on Account of the Real Estates of William Terrell and Stephen Skinner,	£.	256 10 10
1795.			
May 19,	Abraham Kitchel, Esq. Agent of forfeited Estates for Morris County, on Account of the Real Estates of William Terrell and Stephen Skinner,		55 14 3
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	Amount carried to Account current,	£.	312 5 1
November 1,	1795.		

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

## JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,

DR.

On Account of Cash received for Licenses given by Virtue of a Law passed November 24, 1786, and the Supplement thereto passed February 21, 1794.

1795.			
Mar. 19,	Received of John N. Cumming, Nehemiah Vernon, John Gulick, Joseph Vandegrift, George Dannaker and Robert Bicknell, for a License to run a Line of Stages through this State for one Year from the first Day of January last,	£.	100 0 0
April 9,	Stephen Page, John M'Collum, Henry Gulick, William Jones and Thomas Ward, for a License to run a Line of Stages through this State for one Year from the first Day of January last,		100 0 0
June 4,	Amos Hutchin, for a License to run a Line of Stages from Amboy to Burlington for one Year from the first Day of May last,		20 0 0
23,	John Van Emburgh and Robert M'Kean, per Joseph Butler, for a License to run a Line of Stages from Amboy to Bordentown for one Year from the first Instant,		20 0 0
Aug. 24,	Richard Handley, for a License to run a Line of Stages from Amboy to Burlington for one Year from the Date hereof,		20 0 0
Sept. 10,	George Dannaker, George Lefher, John Vandegrift, John Gulick, Nehemiah Vernon and Joseph Lyons, for a License to run a Line of Stages through this State for one Year from the seventh Day of May last,		100 0 0
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	Carried forward,	£.	360 0 0

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1795.	Brought forward,	£. 360 0 0
Sept. 29,	Received of John Van Emburgh, Robert M'Kean and Amos Hutchin, for a License to run a Line of Stages from Amboy to Burlington for one Year from the Date hereof,	20 0 0
Oct. 31,	Peter Duchent, Barney Many, John Heard, Joseph Crane, Joseph Broadhurst, Charles Bessonnet, John Sears, John Jones and Benjamin Gulick, for a License to run a Line of Stages through this State for one Year from the nineteenth Day of August last,	100 0 0
Amount carried to Account current,		£. 480 0 0
November 1, 1795.		

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

## JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY, DR.

On Account of Cash received of the Commissioners of the New Loan Office, on Account of Interest.

1795.		
Jan. 3,	Received of William Phillips, one of the Commissioners for Hunterdon County, per Ralph Phillips, on Account of the eighth Year's Interest on the Sum loaned in said County due December 2, 1794,	£. 520 15 9
13,	John Baker, one of the Ditto for Cape-May County, the Amount of Ditto,	58 9 3
14,	Isaac Wheaton, one of the Ditto for Cumberland County, on Account of Ditto,	161 2 3
	Abraham Staats, one of the Ditto for Somerset County, on Account of Ditto,	330 18 10
15,	John Outwater, one of the Ditto for Bergen County, the Amount of Ditto,	131 19 5
19,	Joseph Champion, one of the Ditto for Gloucester County, the Amount of Ditto,	349 2 2
21,	John Myer, one of the Ditto for Middlesex County, the Amount of Ditto,	324 8 2
22,	Hendrick Voorheese, one of the Ditto for Monmouth County, the Amount of Ditto,	433 6 3
24,	William Phillips, one of the Ditto for Hunterdon County, per Ralph Phillips, on Account of Ditto,	26 19 11
27,	Joseph Lewis, one of the Ditto for Morris County, the Amount of Ditto,	320 10 2
30,	John Black, one of the Ditto for Burlington County, the Amount of Ditto,	401 16 10
31,	Thomas Anderson, one of the Ditto for Sussex County, per Jacob Thompson, the Amount of Ditto,	405 8 5
Feb. 14,	John Holme, one of the Commissioners for Salem County, per Thomas Sinnickson, Esq. on Account of the eighth Year's Interest on the Sum loaned in said County due December 2, 1794,	87 19 5
	Edmund Wetherby, one of the Ditto for Salem County, per Ditto on Account of Ditto,	216 13 0
23,	John Condit and Jonas Wade, Commissioners for Essex County, the Amount of Ditto,	330 16 6
24,	Joseph Reading, one of the Ditto for Hunterdon County, per John Lambert, Esq. on Account of Ditto,	9 12 0
Mar. 2,	William Phillips, one of the Ditto for Hunterdon County, on Account of Ditto,	2 14 0
April 8,	Joseph Annin, one of the Ditto for Somerset County, the Balance of Ditto,	75 13 7
Carried forward,		£. 4188 5 11



1795-	Brought forward,	£. 4188 5 11
April 22,	Received of Abraham Schuyler, one of the Ditto for Middlesex County, per George Clark, being three Months Interest on £. 69 up to March 2 last, on which the Equity of Redemption was foreclosed,	1 0 8
May 2,	Isaac Wheaton, one of the Ditto for Cumberland County, per M. Ewing, the Balance of the eighth Year's Interest due December 2, 1794, Also three Months Interest on £. 25 up to March 2 last, on which the Equity of Redemption was foreclosed,	1 10 0 7 6
7,	Edmund Wetherby, one of the Ditto for Salem County, the Balance of the eighth Year's Interest due December 2, 1794,	8 0 3
16,	Joseph Reading, one of the Ditto for Hunterdon County, per Ralph Phillips, the Balance of Ditto,	5 10 6
July 10,	John Miller and Joseph Lewis, Commissioners for Morris County, per Mahlon Dickerson, being three Months Interest on £. 277 4 6 up to March 2 last, on which the Equity of Redemption was foreclosed,	4 3 2
Amount carried to Account current,		£. 4208 18 0
November 1, 1795.	By Order of the Committees,	

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

# JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,

DR.

On Account of Loan Office Money of 1786, received of the Commissioners of the New Loan Office in the several Counties, cancelled by their respective Boards of Justices and Freeholders.

1795-		
May 15,	Received of John Outwater and Henry Berry, Commissioners of Bergen County, per Nehemiah Wade, a sealed Bundle of Loan Office Money of 1786, cancelled on May 13, 1795, said to contain	£. 582 12 0
16,	Joseph Reading, Joseph Beavers and William Phillips, Commissioners of Hunterdon County, per Ralph Phillips, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	2209 10 0
19,	John Black, one of the Commissioners of Burlington county, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	1664 5 0
16,	John Condit and Jonas Wade, Commissioners of Essex County, per M. Denman, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	1095 10 0
July 1,	Thomas Anderson, one of the Commissioners of Sussex County, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	1740 2 0
10,	John Miller and Joseph Lewis, Commissioners of Morris County, per Mahlon Dickerson, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	1728 2 0
Aug. 15,	Peter Covenhoven, one of the Commissioners of Monmouth County, two sealed Bundles of Loan Office Money of 1786, cancelled on the 27th May and 29th of July 1795, said to contain	1458 5 0
27,	Abraham Schuyler and John Myer, Commissioners of Middlesex County, per Staats Van-Deursen, a ditto, cancelled on May 13, 1795, do.	1362 7 0
Sept. 2,	Isaac Wheaton, one of the Commissioners of Cumberland County, per John Mulford, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	673 1 0
	Samuel Hugg and Joseph Champion, Commissioners of Gloucester County, per Joel Westcott, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	1234 16 0
22,	John Holme and Edmund Wetherby, Commissioners of Salem County, per A. D. Woodruff, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	1241 0 0
Oct. 1,	Abraham Staats and Joseph Annin, Commissioners of Somerset County, per Abraham Van-Nest, a ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	1705 6 0
29,	John Baker and Elijah Hughes, Commissioners of Cape-May County, two ditto, cancelled on ditto, ditto,	222 16 0
Amount carried to Account current,		£. 16,917 12 0
November 1, 1795.	By Order of the Committees,	

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.



## JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY;

DR.

1795.	On Account of Cash received from the United States.	
April 2,	Received of James Ewing, Commissioner of Loans, one Quarter's Interest on the Sum loaned by this State to the United States, due April 1, 1795, 563 $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars,	£. 211 8 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
22,	Presley Nevill, Paymaster General, the sum refunded by the United States agreeably to an Act of Congress, passed January 17, 1795, for pay advanced to the Militia of this State who were employed on the late Expedition to Fort Pitt, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of this State, passed February 27, and March 6, 1795, 13884 $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars,	5206 16 0
July 1,	James Ewing, Commissioner of Loans, one Quarter's Interest on the Sum loaned by this State to the United States, due July 1, 1795, 563 $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars,	211 8 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Oct. 13,	James Ewing, ditto, ditto, one Quarter's do. on do. loaned to do. due October 1, 1795, 563 $\frac{84}{100}$ Dollars,	211 8 9 $\frac{1}{2}$
	Amount carried to Account current,	£. 5841 2 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
November 1, 1795.		

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.

## JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,

DR.

On Account of Cash received of sundry Persons for Fees on private Laws, agreeably to a Law passed February 20, 1794.

1795.		
Mar. 17,	Received of Thomas Clement, Esq. the Fees on an Act for banking Meadows on Oldman's Creek in Salem County, passed February 27, 1795,	£. 5 3 6
19,	Sylvanus Church, per Matthew Whilldin, Esq. the do. on an Act to divorce him from Judith his Wife, passed November 29, 1794,	3 16 2
	Elizabeth Haring, per Petrus Haring, Esq. the do. on an Act in Favour of Elizabeth Haring passed March 18, 1795,	3 16 6
25,	William L. Smith, the do. on an Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to improve the Navigation of the north Branch of Rancocus Creek, passed March 16, 1795,	5 10 8
Aug. 24,	William Rosiel, per F. Bulles, Esq. on an Act for the Relief of certain Persons therein named, passed March 14, 1795,	3 10 10
Sept. 2,	John Perry, Administrator of William Sleeper and Jonathan Sleeper, per M. Kempton, the do. on an Act to authorize John Perry to complete a Contract made by him with George Budd in Behalf of William Sleeper, and also to complete a Contract made by Jonathan Sleeper with Adam Inger, passed November 29, 1794,	4 13 10
16,	Jacob Fries, per M. Ewing, the do. on an Act to direct the Treasurer to issue a Certificate to Jacob Fries, passed February 18, 1795,	3 7 10
Oct. 6,	Luke Mattox, per Maskell Ewing, the Fees on an Act to divorce Luke Mattox from Rebecca his Wife, passed November 29, 1794,	3 13 2
30,	James Hedden, Esq. the do. on an Act to prolong the Time granted by a Law of this State for erecting Bridges over the Rivers Passaic and Hackinack, passed November 5, 1794,	3 11 10
	Carried forward,	£. 37 4 4



Brought forward, £. 37 4 4  
 31, Maskell Ewing, Esq. the do. on an Act to authorize the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for erecting a Bridge over the River Delaware at the Township of Greenwich, in the County of Suffex, opposite the Borough of Eaiton, passed March 18, 1795, 4 17 8

Amount carried to Account current, £. 42 2 0  
 November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
 PETER D. VROOM.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to the State of NEW-JERSEY,

DR.

1795. On Account of Notes or Certificates received of fundry Persons.

April 8, Received of Pruden Alling, former Sheriff of Morris County, on Account of Fines imposed by the Court in said County, £. 14 6 11  
 24, Jonas Wade, Esq. former Collector of Essex County, per Robert Pierfon, being the Certificates he received of Samuel Hays, Commissioner of the old Loan Office, on Account of the Sum loaned in said County in 1776, agreeably to a Resolution of March 10, 1795, 1338 17 7

Amount carried to Account current, £. 1353 4 6  
 November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
 PETER D. VROOM.



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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account Current in—

To Amount of Notes or Certificates received of sundry Persons,

£. 1353 4 6

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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account Current in—

To Balance due the State on Settlement made November 1, 1794,  
in old State Money,

£. 2077 14 6½

To do. do. £. 1092 8 3½ Lawful Money, received at one  
for three on the Sinking Fund Tax, and not yet exchanged,  
equal in old State Money to

3277 4 10½

5354 19 5To Balance on Tax in State Money and Certificates, due Decem-  
ber 1, 1781,

27 9 4

To do. do. due July 1, 1782,

40 0 4¼

To do. do. due October 1, 1782,

212 7 9

To do. do. due January 1, 1783,

38 6 11

£. 5673 3 9½



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Notes or Cetificates.

By Amount of Notes or Certificates examined and allowed,

£. 1353 4 6

November 1, 1795.

**W**E, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relative thereto, do find the same justly stated.

JOHN BLACK,  
JOHN LAMBERT,  
PETER D. VROOM,  
ELISHA WALTON,  
JAMES HEDDEN,  
SAMUEL FRENCH,  
ELEAZAR HAND.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—old State Money.

Balance due the State in old State Money,

£. 2395 18 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ Ditto £. 1092 8 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  Lawful Money, received at one for three, on the Sinking

Fund Tax, and not yet exchanged, equal in old State Money to

3277 4 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ 

November 1, 1795.

**W**E, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, do find a Balance of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety-five Pounds Eighteen Shillings and Ten-pence Three Farthings, old State Money, and the Sum of One Thousand and Ninety-two Pounds Eight Shillings and Three-pence Half-penny, Lawful Money, received at one for three, on the Sinking Fund Tax, due December 1, 1785, and not yet exchanged, equal to Three Thousand Two Hundred and Seventy-seven Pounds Four Shillings and Ten-pence Half-penny, old State Money, remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

JOHN BLACK,  
JOHN LAMBERT,  
PETER D. VROOM,  
ELISHA WALTON,  
JAMES HEDDEN,  
SAMUEL FRENCH,  
ELEAZAR HAND.

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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account Current in—

To Balance due the State on the Settlement made November 1, 1794,	£. 12511	1	3½
To Balance on Tax, due January 1, 1784,	678	8	0
To do. on Revenue Tax, due December 30, 1788,	114	12	0
To do. do. due December 30, 1789,	199	15	7
To do. on the Tax, due December 30, 1794,	14738	4	7½
To do. do. due October 1, 1782, which was payable to the Receiver of Continental Taxes,	334	10	11
To do. do. due January 1, 1783, do.	567	9	2
To do. do. due October 1, 1783, do.	1282	2	0
To do. do. due January 1, 1784, do.	1026	17	1
To Amount received of sundry Persons,	17	6	7
To do. do. of Agents of forfeited Estates,	312	5	1
To do. do. for Stage Licenses,	480	0	0
To do. do. of the Commissioners of the new Loan Office, on Account of Interest,	4208	18	0
To do. do. of do. Loan Office Money, cancelled by the Boards of Justices and Freeholders,	16917	12	0
To do. do. of the United States,	5841	2	4½
To do. do. of sundry Persons for Fees on private Laws,	42	2	0

Carried forward,

£. 59,272 6 9  
12,511 1 3½



## —the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

## —lawful Money.

By Amount of fundry Vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 128, inclusive, for Cash paid to the Members of the Legislature for their Wages, to their Clerks, Doorkeepers and Printers,	£. 3833	1	1
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 23, for do. paid the Officers of Government, on Account of their Salaries, and to the Judges of the Supreme Court, for holding Courts of Oyer and Terminer,	3070	0	0
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 63, for do. paid fundry incidental Charges,	1504	7	8½
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 38, for do. paid on Warrants for Pensions,	1623	13	9
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 3, for do. paid one Year's Interest on old State Money,	30	14	7
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 2, for do. remitted to the Proprietors of Stages, agreeably to a Law passed February 21, 1794,	10	0	11
By do. of do. No. 1 for do. paid one Year's Interest on a Certificate signed by John Pierce, Commissioner, agreeably to a Resolution of March 9, 1786,	10	4	
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 2 for do. paid the Commissioners for repairing Roads, agreeably to a Law passed February 21, 1794, and two Laws passed March 13, 1795,	500	0	0
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 18 for do. paid Interest on Notes signed by Silas Condict and M. Ewing,	32	13	7
By do. of do. No. 1 for do. paid Interest on a Depreciation Note,	25	7	6
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 13 for do. paid Interest on Notes given for Militia Services by the Commissioners in the several Counties,	16	2	4
By Amount of fundry Vouchers from No. 1 to No. 8, inclusive, for Cash paid Interest on forfeited Estate Notes to June 1, 1792,	38	17	11
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 8, for do. paid one fourth of the Principal of do.	34	7	5
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 15, for do. paid Interest for one Year, on three fourths of do. to June 1, 1793,	26	2	4
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 15, for do. paid the second fourth of the Principal of do.	145	3	10
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 22, for do. paid Interest for ten Months, on one Half of do. to April 1, 1794,	35	14	8
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 22, for do. paid the third fourth of the Principal of do.	357	12	6
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 82, for do. paid the last fourth of the Principal of do. and one Year's Interest thereon to April 1, 1795, in full of said Notes,	8106	6	4
By do. of do. No. 1 for do. paid Interest on a Note issued agreeably to a special Law of the Legislature, for ten Months, on one Half of the Principal to April 1, 1794,	1	5	5
By do. of do. No. 1 for do. paid the third fourth of the Principal of do.	62	10	0
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 11, for do. paid the last fourth of the Principal of Notes issued by Virtue of special Laws and Resolutions, and one Year's Interest thereon to April 1, 1795, in full of said Notes,	1322	16	6
By do. of do. from No. 1 to No. 42, for do. paid the Bounty and Wages of the Militia, agreeably to a Law passed June 20, 1794,	6404	13	1

Carried forward,

£. 27,182



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DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account Current in—

Amount brought forward,

£. 59,272 6 9

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£. 59,272 6 9



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR:

—lawful Money.

Amount brought forward,

£. 27,182 1 9½

By Amount of Voucher No. 1 for Loan Office Money (which was cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders of the several Counties, agreeably to a Law passed November 24, 1788,) delivered to the Committees of both Houses, and burned by them October 31, 1795.

16,917 12 0

Balance due the State,

15,172 12 11¼

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 59,272 6 9

**W**E, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 128, from No. 1 to No. 23, from No. 1 to No. 63, from No. 1 to No. 38, from No. 1 to No. 3, from No. 1 to No. 2, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 2, from No. 1 to No. 18, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 13, from No. 1 to No. 8, from No. 1 to No. 8, from No. 1 to No. 15, from No. 1 to No. 15, from 1 to No. 22, from No. 1 to No. 22, from No. to No. 82, No. 1, No. 1, from No. 1 to No. 11, from No. 1 to No. 42, and No. 1, do find a Balance of Fifteen Thousand One Hundred and Seventy-two Pounds, Twelve Shillings and Eleven Pence Three Farthings, lawful Money remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

JOHN BLACK,  
JOHN LAMBERT,  
PETER D. VROOM,  
ELISHA WALTON,  
JAMES HEDDEN,  
SAMUEL FRENCH,  
ELEAZAR HAND.

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JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account current in—

To Amount of 19 Notes of Depreciation, signed by John Stevens, late Treasurer, remaining in the Hands of James Mott, Treasurer, on Settlement made November 1, 1794, amounting to

£. 1088 0 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ 

To Amount of 2 Notes of Depreciation, signed by John Stevens, late Treasurer, and delivered to James Bowers, which have been returned by him into the Treasury, amounting to

110 16 8
£. 1198 16 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ 

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account current in—

To 46 Notes signed and issued by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Auditor, remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer on Settlement made November 1, 1794, amounting to

£. 522 2 10

To 2 Notes signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Auditor, since the last Settlement, amounting to

2 16 6

£. 524 19 4



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Notes of Depreciation.

By Amount of Voucher No. 1, for 9 Notes of Depreciation, which were cancelled by a Committee of the Council and Assembly, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of March 9, 1795, amounting to *per James*  
 Remaining in the Hands of James Mott, Treasurer, 12 Notes of Depreciation, signed by John Stevens, late Treasurer, amounting to

£. 1169 8 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ 

29 8 0

£. 1198 16 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ 

November 1, 1795.

**W**E, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relative thereto, for the cancelling nine Notes, do find twelve Notes, amounting to Twenty-nine Pounds Eight Shillings, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

JOHN BLACK,  
 JOHN LAMBERT,  
 PETER D. VROOM,  
 ELISHA WALTON,  
 JAMES HEDDEN,  
 SAMUEL FRENCH,  
 ELEAZAR HAND.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—forfeited Estate Notes.

By 10 Notes delivered to the Proprietors thereof, amounting as per Account, to  
 By 38 Notes remaining in the Treasury, amounting to

£. 32 3 11

492 15 5

£. 524 19 4

November 1, 1795.

**W**E, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relative thereto, for issuing two Notes, and for the Delivery of ten Notes, do find Thirty-eight Notes, amounting to Four Hundred and Ninety-two Pounds Fifteen Shillings and Five-pence, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

JOHN BLACK,  
 JOHN LAMBERT,  
 PETER D. VROOM,  
 ELISHA WALTON,  
 JAMES HEDDEN,  
 SAMUEL FRENCH,  
 ELEAZAR HAND.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account current in—

Dols. 90ths.

To 46 Notes, signed by John Pierce, and deposited in the Treasury by John Peck and John Blair, Agents, agreeably to a Law passed March 7, 1786, remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer on the Settlement made November 1, 1794, amounting to

1044 49

DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account current of a Note issued agreeably—

To a Note, signed by James Mott, Treasurer, and countersigned by Aaron Dunkham, Auditor, amounting to

Principal.

Interest on  
the Face.

£. 31 17 11    £. 6 17 11



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—final Settlement Notes.

By 2 Notes delivered to the Proprietors thereof, amounting to  
 By 44 Notes remaining in the Hands of the Treasurer, amounting to

Dols.	9ths.
46	0
998	49
1044	49

November 1, 1795.

**W**E the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relative thereto, for the Delivery of two Notes, do find Forty-four Notes, amounting to Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight Dollars and Forty-nine Nine-tieths, remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement.

JOHN BLACK,  
 JOHN LAMBERT,  
 PETER D. VROOM.  
 ELISHA WALTON,  
 JAMES HEDDEN,  
 SAMUEL FRENCH;  
 ELEAZAR HAND.

—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—to a Law passed February 18, 1795.

	Principal.	Interest on the Face.
By Amount of a Note delivered to the Proprietor thereof, amounting to	£. 31 17 11	£. 6 17 11
November 1, 1795.		

**W**E, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relative thereto, for the Issuing and Delivery of one Note, do find the same justly stated.

JOHN BLACK,  
 JOHN LAMBERT,  
 PETER D. VROOM,  
 ELISHA WALTON,  
 JAMES HEDDEN,  
 SAMUEL FRENCH,  
 ELEAZAR HAND.

DR.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Tax levied on Persons—

To Deficiencies not paid in on the last  
Settlement by the Counties of

Middlesex,	£. 39 10 2
Monmouth,	15 9 4
Burlington,	865 11 0
Gloucester,	724 15 11
Salem,	72 5 9
Cumberland,	44 8 8
Suffex,	109 14 5

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£. 1871 15 3



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—exempt from Militia Duty, due December 30, 1793.

By Payments made, Clearances from the Tax, Fees and  
Commissions for Collection, &c. and Deficiencies not  
yet paid in by the Counties of

Middlesex,	By Cash received,			£. 22 4 1
	By 15 Exempts cleared from the Tax,	£. 16 17 6		
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 8 7		
Monmouth,	By Cash received,			4 2 8
	By 10 Exempts cleared from the Tax,	11 5 0		
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 1 8		
Burlington,	By Cash received,			183 15 10
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	3 10 8		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	£. 678 4 6		
Gloucester,	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	724 15 11		
Salem,	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	72 5 9		
Cumberland,	By Cash received,			34 15 4
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 13 7		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	8 19 9		
Suffex,	By Cash received,			50 0 0
	By 15 Exempts cleared from the Tax,	16 17 6		
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 19 2		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	41 17 9		
		£. 1526 3 8	50 13 8	294 17 11
Amount of Deficiency not yet paid in,			£. 1526 3 8	
Do. of Clearances with Fees and Commissions, &c.			50 13 8	
Balance carried to Account current,			294 17 11	
			£. 1871 15 3	

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

On Account of the Tax levied on Persons—

To the Quotas of the said Tax payable into the Treasury agreeably  
to the Returns from the several Counties.

Bergen,	21	Exempts at 22/6,	£. 23 12 6
Effex,		No Return.	
Middlesex,		No Return.	
Monmouth,	92	do. do.	103 10 0
Somerfet,	4	do. do.	4 10 0
Burlington,	354	do. do.	398 5 0
Gloucester,	521	do. do.	586 2 6
Salem,	75	do. do.	84 7 6
Cape-May,	28	do. do.	31 10 0
Hunterdon,	148	do. do.	166 10 0
Morris,	31	do. do.	34 17 6
Cumberland,	34	do. do.	38 5 0
Suffex,		No Return.	

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 £. 1471 10 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—exempt from Militia Duty, due December 30, 1794.

By Payments made, Clearances from the Tax, Fees and  
Commissions for Collection, &c. and Deficiencies not  
yet paid in by the Counties of

Bergen,	By Cash received,				£. 22 17 6
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.			£. 0 8 11	
	By Deficiency not yet paid in	£. 0 6 1			
Effex,	No Return.				
Middlesex,	No Return.				
Monmouth,	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	103 10 0			
Somerfet,	By Cash received,				4 10 0
Burlington,	By Cash received,				390 14 5
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.		7 10 7		
Gloucester,	By Cash received,				504 8 8
	By 44 Exempts cleared from the Tax,		49 10 0		
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.		10 16 4		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	21 7 6			
Salem,	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	84 7 6			
Cape-May,	By Cash received,				22 12 1½
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.		0 9 3		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	8 8 7½			
Hunterdon,	By Cash received,				148 9 10
	By 8 Exempts cleared from the Tax,		9 0 0		
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.		2 17 0		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	6 3 2			
Morris,	By Cash received,				34 4 4
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.		0 13 2		
Cumberland,	By Cash received,				37 1 0
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.		0 14 3		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	0 9 9			
Suffex,	No Return.				
		£. 224 12 7½	81 19 6	1164 17 10½	
Amount of Deficiencies not yet paid in,				£. 224 12 7½	
Do. of Clearances with Fees and Commissions, &c.				81 19 6	
Balance carried to Account current,				1164 17 10½	
				£. 1471 10 0	

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treafurer to—

On Account of Fines imposed on Perfons for—

To the Amount of said Fines returned into the  
Treafury by the Counties of

Bergen,	276 Fines,	£. 64 8 0
Effex,	No Return.	
Middlefex,	No Return.	
Monmouth,	No Return.	
Somerfet,	32 do.	11 12 6
Burlington,	157 do.	58 14 6
Gloucefter,	No Return.	
Salem,	42 do.	15 15 0
Cape-May,	85 do.	32 12 6
Hunterdon,	206 do.	86 5 0
Morris,	17 do.	7 2 6
Cumberland,	40 do.	15 0 0
Suffex,	No Return.	

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 £. 291 10 0



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—Neglect of Militia Duty, due December 30, 1794.

By Payments made, Clearances from Fines, Fees and  
Commissions for Collection, &c. and Deficiencies  
not yet paid in by the Counties of

Bergen,	By Cash received,			£. 31 19 9
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	£. 2 12 6		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	£. 29 15 9		
Essex,	No Return.			
Middlesex,	No Return.			
Monmouth,	No Return.			
Somerfet,	By Cash received,		9 1 11	
	By 5 Clearances of Fines,	1 17 6		
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 13 1		
Burlington,	By Cash received,		55 17 6	
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	2 17 0		
Gloucester,	No Return.			
Salem,	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	15 15 0		
Cape-May,	By Cash received,		14 5 6	
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 14 6		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	17 12 6		
Hunterdon,	By Cash received,		18 18 0	
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 18 8		
	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	66 8 4		
Morris,	By Cash received,		6 16 3	
	By Fees and Commissions for Collection, &c.	0 6 3		
Cumberland,	By Deficiency not yet paid in,	15 0 0		
Suffex,	No Return.			
		£. 144 11 7	9 19 6	136 18 11
Amount of Deficiencies not yet paid in,			£. 144 11 7	
Do. of Clearances with Fees and Commissions, &c.			9 19 6	
Balance carried to Account current,			136 18 11	
			£. 291 10 0	

November 1, 1795.

By Order of the Committees,

JOHN BLACK,  
PETER D. VROOM.



DR.

JAMES MOTT, Treasurer to—

Account current in lawful Money—

To the Balance of the Tax levied on Persons exempt from Militia Duty, due December 30, 1793,	£. 294 17 11
To do. do. do. due December 30, 1794,	1164 17 10½
To do. on Account of Fines imposed on Persons for Neglect of Militia Duty, due December 30, 1794,	136 18 11

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 £. 1596 14 8½

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Which Accounts and Reports were read, and ordered a second Reading.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Van-Cleve, Blacklidge and Seeley, be a Committee to join the Committee of Council for the Purpose of settling the Accounts of Benjamin Smith, Esq. Commissioner, appointed by Law for building an Office for the Secretary and Clerk of the Supreme Court; and that Mr. Seeley do wait on the Council, and request them to appoint a Committee to join the Committee of this House for that Purpose.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Warrant of Half-Pay, the Property of Elizabeth Rue, granted to her September 29, 1780, was presented, the Back thereof being full of Indorsements;

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue in Lieu thereof; whereupon,

A Warrant was presented and approved.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Seeley do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Stockton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Freeland, praying an Allowance of Pay as a Continental Soldier in the first Jersey Regiment, reported as follows :

T H A T,



—the State of NEW-JERSEY,

CR.

—on Account of the Exempt Taxes and Militia Fines:

By Balance due to James Mott, Treasurer, on Settlement made November 1, 1794,

£. 185 4 6

By Amount of fundry Vouchers, from No. 1 to No. 41, inclusive, for Cash paid fundry Officers, their Salaries, and for Expenses and Charges in organizing, equipping and training the Militia, &amp;c. agreeably to a Law passed November 30, 1792, and the Supplement thereto,

1346 11 2  
64 19 0½

Balance due the State,

£. 1596 14 8½

November 1, 1795.

**W**E, the Committees of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Treasurer's Accounts, having examined the above, and the Vouchers relative thereto, viz. from No. 1 to No. 41, inclusive, do find a Balance of Sixty-four Pounds Nineteen Shillings and a Halfpenny remaining in the Hands of the said Treasurer, agreeably to the above Statement:

JOHN BLACK,  
JOHN LAMBERT,  
PETER D. VROOM,  
ELISHA WALTON,  
JAMES HEDDEN,  
SAMUEL FRENCH,  
ELEAZAR HAND.

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Prayer of the said Petitioner ought not to be granted.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT STOCKTON.

To which the House agreed.

The Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, "An Act to enable the "Inhabitants of certain Towns and Townships, to repair their publick Highway by Hire," with the Amendments made thereto by Council, was read a second Time, the Amendments agreed to, and ordered to be re-engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning Wills,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Petition from the Directors of the Bridge now erecting over the River Passaick, praying that Commissioners may be appointed to lay out a Road to the said Bridge in such a Manner as may be most useful to the Publick, from Hackinsack River through the Cedar Swamp, was read a second Time.

*Ordered,* That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, on the second Thursday of the next Sitting of the Legislature, to answer the Prayer of their Petition, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, in at least three of the most publick Places in the Neighbourhood where such Road is intended to be laid, and in the Newspaper printed in Newark, at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

Monday,



Monday, November 16, 1795.

The House met.

Several Petitions from Inhabitants of Essex and Morris, praying a Repeal of the Act for breaking up the Reaff near the little Falls in Passaick River, and digging a Ditch or Canal through what is called the Long Meadow, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Report of Mr. Frazer, of the 14th Instant, was read a second Time.

A Motion was made to amend the said Report by striking out the following Words: 'and William Livingston;' on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative.

A Motion was made to amend the said Report by striking out the following Words: *excepting Andrew G. Fraunces, who in our Opinion do not appear in so favourable a Light as to be liberated by the Legislature;* on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment? It was carried in the Affirmative: On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report as amended? It was carried in the Affirmative; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Frazer, Vredenburg and Starke, be a Committee to bring in a Bill in Conformity with the said Report.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Support of the Government of the State of New-Jersey,' reported the same with fundry Amendments, which being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

The Report of Mr. D. Vroom, from the Committee appointed to join the Committee of Council, for the Purpose of settling the Treasurer's Accounts, was read a second Time, and agreed to.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to an Act, intituled, "An Act to enable the Inhabitants of certain Towns and Townships to repair their publick Highways by Hire,"' was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Peck do carry the said Bill to Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, presented a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a Tract of Marsh and Meadow, lying in the Fork of Salem Creek, in Mannington, in the County of Salem, to uphold and maintain the Bank, Sluices and Waterworks, and more effectually to improve the same;' to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to regulate the Secretary's Office and the Prerogative Office in this State, and for the faithful Execution of the same;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Peck reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

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The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act concerning Wills,’ was read a third Time,  
*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Sharps do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Seeley reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to appoint Trustees to sell the real Estate of John Imlay, late of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, Esquire, deceased, and ‘ to dispose of the Monies thence arising, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time ; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting, to be read on the first Friday of the next Sitting, on previously advertising the Purport of the said Bill, with a Copy of this Order, in two of the Newspapers of this State, and in four publick Places in the Neighbourhood, where the Premises doth principally lie, for the Space of six Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Whillden, from Council, informed the House that Council had appointed Mr. Elmer a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, for the Purpose of settling the Accounts of Benjamin Smith, Esq. Commissioner, appointed by Law, for building an Office for the Secretary and Clerk of the Supreme Court.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 17, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt,’ reported the same with sundry Amendments ; which Bill was read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The Report of James Mott, Treasurer, and Aaron Dunham, Auditor, stating the particular Certificates and their Amount, received by them, agreeably to the Resolution of the Legislature of the last Session, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Wade, Biddle and D. Vroom.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to regulate the Secretary’s Office and the Prerogative Office in this State, and for the faithful Execution of the same,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, Mr. Vredenburg, in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for dividing the Township of Windsor, in the County of Middlesex, into two separate Townships ;’ whereupon, the Speaker laid before the House a Petition from a considerable Number of the Inhabitants of the said Township, praying that the said Bill may be referred to the next Session, that the said Township may in Town-Meeting determine whether they could wish the Township divided or not ; which was read, and the Parties attending were heard, and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the House that Council had concurred in the Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Rue for Half-pay, in Lieu of one formerly granted.



The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Stockton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Peter Brocaw,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT your Committee are of Opinion, that the Petitioner is entitled to the Prayer of his Petition, so far as it relates to the Depreciation of his Pay.

By Order of the Committee,

ROBERT STOCKTON.

*Ordered,* That the said Report be read a second Time.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a Number of Officers and Soldiers, who went on the late Expedition in the Western Counties of Pennsylvania,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT the said Petitioners appears to be entitled to legislative Interference, but as there has been no special Provision made, by which Relief can be had, your Committee are induced to recommend that the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

By Order of the Committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered,* That the said Petitions be referred to the next Sitting.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for dividing the Township of Windsor, in the County of Middlesex, into two separate Townships;' and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be referred to be read a second Time on the first Thursday of the next Sitting, at which Time the Parties, for and against the said Bill, may be heard before the House should they apply for that Purpose.

A Petition from Joseph Reading, Esq. of the County of Hunterdon, was read, and committed to Messrs. Boyd, Van-Cleve and Manning, to report thereon.

The Papers in the Report of unfinished Business, marked No. 11, was read, with sundry other Petitions on the same Subject, was also read; whereupon,

Mr. Morgan, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'A Supplement to the several Acts relative to Elections in this State;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.



Yeas.  
 Mr. Anderfon,  
 Mr. Biddle,  
 Mr. Blacklidge,  
 Mr. Debow,  
 Mr. Frazer,  
 Mr. Hand,  
 Mr. Hedden,  
 Mr. Hough,  
 Mr. Imlay,  
 Mr. Morgan,  
 Mr. Peck,  
 Mr. Sharps,

Yeas.  
 Mr. Sinnickfon,  
 Mr. Somers,  
 Mr. Stillwell,  
 Mr. Rd. Townfend,  
 Mr. Van-Cleve,  
 Mr. D. Vroom,  
 Mr. Wade,  
 Mr. Wallace,  
 Mr. Walton.

Nays.  
 Mr. Armstrong,  
 Mr. Clement,  
 Mr. Dayton,  
 Mr. French,  
 Mr. Manning,  
 Mr. Mayhew,  
 Mr. Southard,  
 Mr. Starke,  
 Mr. Thomfon,  
 Mr. Rn. Townfend,  
 Mr. Vredenburgh,  
 Mr. Wyckoff.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do fign the fame.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sinnickfon do carry the faid Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from Daniel Joice, and the Widow and Creditors of Thomas Allen, deceased, requesting Leave to present a Bill to authorize Joseph Shinn, Administrator, &c. of Thomas Allen, deceased, to make a Deed of Conveyance for Lands purchased of the faid Allen by the faid Joice, was read.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill on the first Monday of the next Sitting, on previously advertizing the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, at Mount-Holly, Vincent Town and New Mills.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 18, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to extend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt," which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act directing the Treasurer to issue a Certificate to 'Levi Silvers,' was read a second Time, and the Title amended to read as follows: 'An Act directing the Treasurer to pay to Levi Silvers, Sixty-six Pounds 'Nineteen Shillings and Nine-pence,' and, being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stillwell, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act 'to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Proprietors of the Stages on the Road from New-York to Philadelphia, praying that the Tax on Stages may be taken off, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Black Brook, in Hanover Township, in the County of Morris, praying Leave to present a Bill to direct and authorize the cutting of a Drain or Canal from some Place

on



on Whippany River above Green's and Alling's Gristmill, into some other Place on said River below the Bridge before Benjamin Johnston's House, was read.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition on the second Tuesday of the next Sitting, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Hanover, in the County of Morris, and also in the Newspapers of Elizabeth-Town and Newark, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a Tract of Marsh and Meadow, lying in the Fork of Salem Creek, in Mannington, in the County of Salem, to uphold and maintain the Banks, Sluices and Waterworks, and more effectually to improve the same,' was read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to the next Sitting, and that the Petitioners in Favour of the said Bill do advertise the Substance of the said Bill in three of the most publick Places in the Township of Mannington in the County of Salem, and that the same is before this House to be taken up and considered on a second Reading the second Wednesday of the next Sitting, and that if any Objection is offered to the Passing of the said Bill the same will be heard.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the House that the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to empower the Council of Proprietors of the Eastern Division of New-Jersey to dispose of the Lots and Parts of Lots that remain undrawn in the late Division of Ramapoch,' is passed by Council without Amendment.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. M'Cullough returned and took his Seat.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to extend an Act, intituled, " An Act for the Relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt," ' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, November 19, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for procuring a more equal Representation in the several Counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this State,' reported the same with fundry Amendments and the following Title: ' An Act for procuring a more equal Representation in the several Counties of Hunterdon, Burlington, Essex, Monmouth, Cumberland and Cape-May, in the General Assembly of this State,' which Bill was read and debated; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the Section of the said Bill? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Yeas.



Yeas.  
 Mr. Armstrong,  
 Mr. Dayton,  
 Mr. Frazer,  
 Mr. Imlay,  
 Mr. M'Cullough,  
 Mr. Manning,  
 Mr. Morgan,  
 Mr. Sharps,  
 Mr. Van-Cleve,  
 Mr. Vredenburg,  
 Mr. D. Vroom,  
 Mr. Wade,  
 Mr. Walton,  
 Mr. Wyckoff.

Nays.  
 Mr. Anderson,  
 Mr. Biddle,  
 Mr. Blacklidge,  
 Mr. Boyd,  
 Mr. Clement,  
 Mr. Debow,  
 Mr. French,  
 Mr. Hand,  
 Mr. Hough,  
 Mr. Mayhew,  
 Mr. Peck,  
 Mr. Sinnickson,  
 Mr. Somers,  
 Mr. Southard,

Nays.  
 Mr. Starke,  
 Mr. Stillwell,  
 Mr. Stockton,  
 Mr. Thomson,  
 Mr. Rn. Townsend,  
 Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
 Mr. Wallace.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be dismissed.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions from Monmouth of the 13th Instant, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to authorize and direct an Assessment on the Inhabitants of the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, for the Purposes therein mentioned ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Van-Cleve, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to direct the Treasurer to pay a certain Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein mentioned ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Imlay, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for procuring an accurate Map of the State ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Speaker laid before the House a Bond given by James Mott, Esq. Treasurer, with Sureties for the faithful Execution of his Office, which was read :

*Resolved*, That the House approve of the said Bond and Sureties.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Somers do carry the said Bond to Council with the above Resolution for Concurrence.

Mr. Somers reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Report of James Mott and Aaron Dunham, Esqrs. relative to sundry Contractors and Surplus Certificates by them received, agreeably to a Resolution of the Legislature of the twenty-first Day of February last,

*Reported*,

**T**HAT the Certificates above alluded to are precluded from Payment by Reason of the Holders thereof neglecting to bring in the same for Renewal within the Time limited by Law ; but, as it appears to your Committee that the State have received Credit for the Amount of all such Claims with the United States, they are induced to recommend appointing a Commissioner to receive all Certificates contained in the said Report, and to issue new ones in Lieu thereof, payable in like Manner with those issued by Silas Condict and Maskell Ewing, Esqrs. Your Committee would further observe, that they have carefully examined the Certificates issued by William White, late Collector for Oxford, in the County of Sussex ; which Certificates appear to have been issued in the same Manner with all



others of that Description, and we know of no Reason why any Preference ought to be given in the aforesaid Certificates.

By Order of the Committee,

JONAS WADE.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the Township of Gloucester, and a Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the Township of Deptford in the said County, praying that a Law may pass to direct the Bridge, commonly called and known by the Name of Clement's Bridge, across Timber Creek, to be kept in Repair at the joint Expense of the said Townships, were read.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill on the second Friday of the next Sitting, to answer the Prayer of their Petition, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in each of the said Townships of Gloucester and Deptford, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Relief of Major Richard M'Donald,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Cook, from Council, informed the House that Council approve of the Bond given by James Mott, Esq. Treasurer, with Sureties for the faithful Execution of his Office.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Suffex, praying that the Election Law may be so altered, that the Voters at the General Election in said County may be allowed to vote by Ballot, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Captain Nathaniel Porter, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Wyckoff and French, to report thereon.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Warrant of Half-Pay, in Favour of Elizabeth Collater, late Tomlin, was read and approved.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Southard do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Southard reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act to regulate the Secretary's Office and ' the Prerogative Office in this State, and for the faithful Execution of the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Thomfon,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rd. Townfend,	Mr. Imlay,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Rn. Townfend,	Mr. Manning.
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Sinnickfon,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Hough,		Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do fign the fame.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Starke do carry the faid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Peck, with Leave, prefented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An additional Supplement to the Act, intitled, " An Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State;" which Bill was read, and ordered a fecond Reading.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee appointed to join the Committee of Council for the Purpose of fettling the Accounts of Benjamin Smith, Efq. Commiffioner, appointed for building an Office for the Secretary and Clerk of the Supreme Court, reported that they had examined the Accounts of the faid Benjamin Smith and the Vouchers in Support of the fame, from No. 1 to No. 45, by which it appears that there is a Balance due to the faid Benjamin Smith, of the Sum of One Hundred and Seventy-feven Pounds One Shilling and Eightpence.

*Ordered*, That the faid Report be read a fecond Time.

A Petition from the Legatees of Abraham Hewlings the elder, deceafed, was read, praying that John Burr, Junior, and John Hofkins, Junior, may be appointed by Law to take upon them the Execution of the Will of the faid Abraham Hewlings, deceafed, with the fame Powers as were granted therein by the Teftator to Abraham Hewlings, Jofeph Hewlings and James Kinfey, as his Executors and Trustees.

*Ordered*, That the faid Petition be read a fecond Time.

The Houfe refumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Relief of Major Richard M'Donald,' and, after fome Time fpent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the faid Bill be difmiffed.

The Petition of Reuben Culver, and the Petition of Jacob Arnold, read on the 12th Inftant, was read a fecond Time.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to prefent a Bill to anfwer the Prayer of their Petition.

The Houfe adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, November 20, 1795.*

The Houfe met.

A Petition from William Smith, Lieutenant of Captain Carle's Company of Cavalry,



Cavalry, was read, stating that his Horse, while in Service on the late Expedition to Pittsburgh, was taken sick and died in Consequence of the Fatigues of the Service.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Blackledge,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Van Cleve,
Mr. French,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. D. Vroom,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Wade.
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Walton.	
Mr. M'Cullough,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Petition from the Legatees of Abraham Hewlings the elder, deceased, read Yesterday, was read a second Time, and Leave given to the Petitioners to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition; whereupon,

Mr. Biddle presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to constitute and appoint Trustees of the last Will and Codicil of Abraham Hewlings, late of the County of Burlington, deceased, in the Room and Stead of the Trustees therein named;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. D. Vroom, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Jacob Arnold, late Sheriff of the County of Morris;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Captain Nathaniel Porter, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have examined the Facts set forth in said Petition, and find that they are well substantiated by the Documents accompanying the same: Your Committee are of Opinion that the Case of the Petitioner is peculiarly hard; that his Claim is just, and therefore ought to be granted.

By Order of the Committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Stillwell reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal two Acts herein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing the Treasurer to pay to Levi  
' Silvers



‘ Silvers Sixty-six Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Nine-pence,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. French,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Rd. Townsend.
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Rn. Townsend.
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Stockton do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the several Acts relative to Elections in this State,’ was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Report of Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee of Council and Assembly, appointed to settle the Accounts of Benjamin Smith, Esq. was read and agreed to.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal two certain Acts herein mentioned;’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt;’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning nine of the Clock.

*Saturday, November 21, 1795.*

The House met.

Mr. Stockton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Van-Cleve, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Treasurer to pay a Sum of Money to Benjamin Smith, Commissioner;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to constitute and appoint Trustees of the last Will and Codicil of Abraham Hewlings, late of the County of Burlington, deceased,’ in



‘ in the Room and Stead of the Trustees therein named,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to direct the Treasurer to pay a certain Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Samuel Pleasants, of the City of Philadelphia,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT they have duly considered the same and the Papers thereunto annexed, and find the Facts therein set forth fully substantiated, and are of Opinion that the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

*Ordered,* That the said Report be read a second Time.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act declaring who shall be admitted Witnesses, and what Judges shall sit on hearing of Causes for the Recovery of publick Monies from delinquent Officers and others,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Hough,	Mr. Vredenburg,
Mr. French,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. D. Vroom,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wallace.		

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be dismissed.

Mr. Imlay from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor of the County of Salem,’ reported the same with fundry Amendments and the following Title: ‘ An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor;’ which was read, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of Meadow and Marsh, bounding on Salem Creek and Delaware River in Lower Penn’s Neck, in the County of Salem, praying Leave to present a Bill to enable them to run a cross Bank from the Point of the fast Land known by the Name of Vanhorn’s Point to the fast Land of an Island by the Name of Hickory Island, and running nearly the same Course and Place where William Robinson’s Road now goes, and from thence up the River Delaware to the fast Land at Finn’s Point, was read.

*Ordered,*



*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill the first Saturday of the next Sitting, in Order to answer the Prayer of their Petition, with advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Neighbourhood at least two Weeks previous thereto.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to constitute and appoint Trustees of the ‘ last Will and Codicil of Abraham Hewlings, Senior, late of the County of Burlington, deceased, in the Room and Stead of the Trustees therein named,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Thomson do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Thomson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to extend ‘ an Act, intitled, “ An Act for the Relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt;” and, after having gone through the said Bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to direct the Treasurer to pay a certain Sum of Money to Benjamin Smith, Commissioner,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Elmer, from Council, returned the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to regulate the ‘ Secretary and the Prerogative Office in this State, and for the faithful Execution of the same,’ with sundry Amendments made thereto by Council, to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill with the Amendments were read, and the Amendments being read in their Places; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the following Amendment as the fourth Section to the Bill? It was carried in the Affirmative.

Section 4. *And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid*, That the Secretary and Register of the Prerogative Office shall be, and he hereby is directed and required, with all convenient Speed, legibly and fairly, to record all Papers which shall come to his Hands, and which it may appertain to his Office to record, and also to file and deposit such Papers in said Offices, agreeably to Law; and he is further directed and required, without being entitled to any Fees for so doing, to record all Letters of Administration, Wills and other Papers which have been deposited in said Offices, since the second Day of July, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy-six, and now remain in said Offices unrecorded, and to file and deposit the same as aforesaid.

On which the Yeas and Nays being required, they were as follows :

Yeas.



## Yeas.

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Armstrong,  
Mr. Clement,  
Mr. Dayton,  
Mr. Debow,  
Mr. Frazer,  
Mr. French,  
Mr. Hedden,  
Mr. M'Cullough,  
Mr. Mayhew,  
Mr. Morgan,  
Mr. Sharps,  
Mr. Somers,  
Mr. Southard,

## Yeas.

Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
Mr. Rn. Townsend,  
Mr. Van-Cleve,  
Mr. D. Vroom,  
Mr. Wade,  
Mr. Wyckoff.

## Nays.

Mr. Boyd,  
Mr. Hand,  
Mr. Imlay,  
Mr. Manning,  
Mr. Peck,  
Mr. Starke,  
Mr. Stillwell,  
Mr. Vredenburgh,  
Mr. Wallace,  
Mr. Walton.

The House having agreed to the Amendments made to the said Bill by Council,  
*Ordered*, That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, November 23, 1795.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act directing the Treasurer to pay a certain Sum of Money to Benjamin Smith, Commissioner, therein named,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

## Yeas.

Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Armstrong,  
Mr. Biddle,  
Mr. Blackledge,  
Mr. Clement,  
Mr. Dayton,  
Mr. Debow,  
Mr. Frazer,  
Mr. French,  
Mr. Hand,  
Mr. Hough,

## Yeas.

Mr. Imlay,  
Mr. M'Cullough,  
Mr. Manning,  
Mr. Mayhew,  
Mr. Morgan,  
Mr. Peck,  
Mr. Seeley,  
Mr. Sinnickson,  
Mr. Southard,  
Mr. Somers,

## Yeas.

Mr. Starke,  
Mr. Stillwell,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
Mr. Rn. Townsend,  
Mr. Van-Cleve,  
Mr. Vredenburgh,  
Mr. Wade,  
Mr. Walton,  
Mr. Wyckoff.

## Nays.

Mr. Boyd,  
Mr. Hedden,  
Mr. Sharps,  
Mr. D. Vroom.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Rd. Townsend do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to extend an Act, intituled, "An Act for the Relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt," was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.



Nays.  
 Mr. Armstrong,  
 Mr. Biddle,  
 Mr. Clement,  
 Mr. Dayton,  
 Mr. Debow,  
 Mr. Hand,  
 Mr. Hedden,  
 Mr. Hough,  
 Mr. M'Cullough,  
 Mr. Mayhew,  
 Mr. Seeley,

Nays.  
 Mr. Sharps,  
 Mr. Sinnickson,  
 Mr. Somers,  
 Mr. Southard,  
 Mr. Starke,  
 Mr. Stockton,  
 Mr. Thomson,  
 Mr. Vredenburg,  
 Mr. D. Vroom,  
 Mr. Wade.

Yeas.  
 Mr. Anderson,  
 Mr. Blacklidge,  
 Mr. Boyd,  
 Mr. Frazer,  
 Mr. French,  
 Mr. Imlay,  
 Mr. Manning,  
 Mr. Morgan,  
 Mr. Peck,  
 Mr. Stillwell,  
 Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
 Mr. Rn. Townsend,  
 Mr. Van-Cleve,  
 Mr. Walton,  
 Mr. Wyckoff.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be dismissed.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to regulate the Secretary's Office, and the Prerogative Office in this State, and for the faithful Execution of the same,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Imlay,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Reuben Townsend do carry the said Bill to Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing the Treasurer to pay a certain Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:



Yeas.  
 Mr. Anderson,  
 Mr. Biddle,  
 Mr. Blackledge,  
 Mr. Clement,  
 Mr. Frazer,  
 Mr. French,  
 Mr. Hough,  
 Mr. Imlay,  
 Mr. Mayhew,  
 Mr. Morgan,  
 Mr. Peck,  
 Mr. Somers,  
 Mr. Stillwell,  
 Mr. Stockton,

Yeas.  
 Mr. Thomson,  
 Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
 Mr. Rn. Townsend,  
 Mr. Van-Cleve,  
 Mr. Walton,  
 Mr. Wyckoff.

Nays.  
 Mr. Armstrong,  
 Mr. Boyd,  
 Mr. Dayton,  
 Mr. Debow,  
 Mr. Hand,  
 Mr. Hedden,  
 Mr. Manning,  
 Mr. Seeley,  
 Mr. Sharps,  
 Mr. Southard,  
 Mr. Starke,  
 Mr. Vredenburg,  
 Mr. D. Vroom,  
 Mr. Wade.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Van-Cleve do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Jacob Arnold, late Sheriff of the County of Morris,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from the President and Managers of the Company for improving the Navigation of the north Branch of Rancocus Creek, was read a second Time, praying Leave to present a Supplement to the former Law to authorize the Name of the Occupier or Occupiers of the Premises, where the Lock may be erected, to be inserted in the Writ of *ad quod Damnum*, in Place of the Proprietors or Owners thereof, where they cannot be found.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill, on the first Monday of the next Sitting, to answer the Prayer of their Petition, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in the Neighbourhood, where the Locks are to be erected, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, and also for four Weeks previous thereto in the Pennsylvania Gazette.

Mr. Reuben Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt;’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the same be committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Anderson and Southard.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for defraying Incidental Charges;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Van-Cleve reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from James Mott, Esq. Treasurer, enclosing a Statement of Exempts and Fines, returned by the Majors of the several Battalions of the Militia; which was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr.



Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt,’ reported the same with fundry Amendments ; which Bill was read, further amended in the House, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to authorize and direct an Assessment on the Inhabitants of the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, for the Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The Members withdrew to attend a Joint-Meeting, and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and then the House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, November 24, 1795.*

The House met.

A Petition from James Westervelt, of the County of Bergen, praying Leave to present a Bill to direct the Sheriff of Bergen to pay him the Amount of a Fine imposed upon Aury King for feloniously taking a Horse from the Petitioner, and for which, on Account of the Insolvency of the said Aury King, he cannot recover in any other way to satisfy him for the Loss of his Horse, was read,

*Ordered,* That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to repeal two certain Acts herein mentioned,’ was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petition from fundry Inhabitants of Essex and Morris, read on the 16th Instant, praying Leave to present a Bill to repeal the Act passed for the Purpose of breaking up the Reaff near the Little Falls, in Passaick River, and digging a Ditch or Canal through what is called the Long Meadow at Horse-Neck, was read a second Time, with the Petition from Morris, read on the 11th Instant, and the Petitions from Lucas Vanbeverhoud were also read.

*Ordered,* That the first mentioned Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill on the second Tuesday of the next Sitting, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present with a Copy of this Order in three of the most publick Places in the Neighbourhood, where the Canal is to be cut, for at least three Weeks previous thereto, and also for the same Length of Time in the Newspapers printed at Newark and Elizabeth Town.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, presented a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the safe keeping of the Records and other Papers appertaining to the Office of Clerk of the County of Salem,’ to which he requested the Concurrence of this House ; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, presented the following Resolution for Concurrence :

*Resolved,*  
**T**HAT Isaac Collins be directed to strike off sixty Copies of the Bill, intitled, “ An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,” and that the Legislature provide for defraying the Expence thereof.

Which Resolution was read.

*Resolved,*



*Resolved*, That this House do concur therein.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Walton do wait on the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr. Haring, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act directing the Treasurer to pay a certain Sum of Money to Benjamin Smith, Commissioner, therein named,' without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Walton.
Mr. Blackledge,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the safe keeping of the Records and other Papers appertaining to the Office of Clerk of the County of Salem,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Walton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act directing the Treasurer to pay a certain Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein mentioned,' without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the safe keeping of the Records and other Papers appertaining to the Office of Clerk of the County of Salem,' was read a third Time.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wallace do carry the said Bill to the Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize and direct an Assessment on the Inhabitants of the Township of Shrewsbury, in the County of Monmouth, for the Purposes therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.



Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Sinnickfon,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. French,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Thomfon,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Rd. Townfend,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Rn. Townfend,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Vredenburgh,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do fign the fame.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Wyckoff do carry the faid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Wallace reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the Houfe.

The engroffed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Jacob Arnold, late Sheriff of the County of Morris,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the fame do pafs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Thomfon,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Rd. Townfend,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Rn. Townfend,	Mr. Peck.
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Sinnickfon,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wyckoff.	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Stockton,		

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do fign the fame.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Anderfon do carry the faid Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Anderfon reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the Houfe.

The engroffed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the fame do pafs? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderfon,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. French,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Inlay,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomfon,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	Mr. Rd. Townfend,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Rn. Townfend,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Sinnickfon,	Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered,*



*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Armstrong do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying Incidental Charges,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Armstrong reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Wyckoff reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Support of Government of the State of New-Jersey.'

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning eight of the Clock.

*Wednesday, November 25, 1795.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges,' was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Biddle do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Somerset, setting forth Inconveniencies arising in Proceedings on the general Road Law, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Linn, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges,' without Amendment.

Mr. Linn also informed the House, that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Jacob Arnold, late Sheriff of the County of Morris,' without Amendment.

The House adjourned until the first Wednesday in February next.



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At a SESSION begun at Trenton on the 27th Day of  
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BEING THE SECOND SITTING.

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*TRENTON, Wednesday, February 3, 1796.*

**T**HIS being the Time to which the House stood adjourned, a Quorum of Members met, and adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, February 4, 1796.*

The House met.

John Haring, Esq. returned as one of the Representatives for the County of Bergen, appeared in the House, and produced the Certificate of his Election, which was read, approved and ordered to be filed; whereupon, being duly sworn by the Speaker, he took his Seat.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Blacklidge do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that a sufficient Number of Members of this House have met, and proceeded to Business.

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Mr. Haring, from Council, informed the House that a sufficient Number of Members of Council have met, and proceeded to Business.

Sundry Petitions from Persons confined for Debt were read, praying the Benefit of an Act of Insolvency.

*Ordered*, That they be committed to Messrs. Van-Cleve, Haring and Biddle.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for dividing the Township of Windsor, in the County of Middlesex, into two separate Townships,' was read a second Time, and the Parties for and against the Passing of the Bill were heard before the House, and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Blacklidge reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Secretary of the State, accompanied with a Statement of the Wills, Letters of Administration and Guardianship, remaining in the Prerogative Office of New-Jersey, not recorded, up to the End of the Year 1795, by which it appears that there is 736 Wills, 652 Letters of Administration and 201 Guardianships; which Letter and Statement were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for dividing the Township of Windsor, in the County of Middlesex, into two separate Townships,' and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the same be committed to Messrs. Imlay, Boyd and Manning.

The Speaker laid before the House a Letter from the Honourable William Paterfon, Esq. appointed by Law to revise and digest the Laws of the State, accompanied with the following Bills.

1. An Act giving Relief to Creditors where Prisoners for Debt escape or die.
2. An Act respecting Coroners.
3. An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts.
4. An Act concerning Sheriffs.
5. An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes.

The Bill first mentioned was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act respecting Coroners,' was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, February 5, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for dividing the Township of Windsor, in the County of Middlesex, into two



'two separate Townships,' reported the same with sundry Amendments ; which Bill was read, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts,' presented by Mr. Paterfon, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Hannah Henry, late Hannah Demun, and Widow of Major Edward Demun, who died in the Service of the United States, accompanied with an Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Hunterdon, allowing her the Half-Pay of her late Husband during the Time she was the Widow of the said Edward Demun, was read, and committed to Messrs. Frazer, Clement, Imlay, Hedden and Mayhew.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to appoint Trustees to sell the real Estate of John Imlay, late of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, Esq. deceased, and to dispose of the Monies thence arising, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,' was read a second Time, and it appearing that the Petitioners have given publick Notice agreeably to the Order of the House,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning Sheriffs,' presented by Mr. Paterfon, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes,' presented by Mr. Paterfon, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Ordered,* That the Clerk be directed to cause to be printed a sufficient Number of the two last mentioned Bills, and the Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts,' for the Use of the House.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act giving Relief to Creditors where Prisoners for Debt escape or die,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Petitions from different Officers and Soldiers who were out on the Expedition in the western Counties of Pennsylvania, and which were reported on by Mr. Dayton on the seventeenth of November last, and referred to this Sitting, were taken up and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Southard, Starke, Anderson and D. Vroom.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, February 6, 1796.*

The House met.

A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Morris, in Favour of Theodosia Ford, Widow of Colonel Jacob Ford, late of the County of Morris, and who died in the Service of the United States, was read, and committed to Messrs. Frazer, Clement, Imlay, Hedden and Mayhew.



A Certificate of Half-Pay, adjudged by the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Essex, in Favour of Elizabeth Henderson, late Widow of Samuel Roberts, who was a Soldier of this State, and who was killed in the Service of the United States, was read, and committed to the last mentioned Committee.

The Petition from the County of Somerset, read on the twenty-fifth of November last, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, D. Vroom and Hough.

A Petition from the Trustees of the first Presbyterian Church in Hardyston in the County of Sussex, praying the Benefit of a Lottery, was read, and dismissed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to appoint Trustees to sell the real Estate of John Imlay, late of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, Esq. deceased, and to dispose of the Monies thence arising, and for other Purposes therein mentioned,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass; It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. French,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Imlay,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. McCullough,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Wallace.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Boyd do carry to Council the said Bill for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for procuring an accurate Map of the State,’ was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act respecting Coroners,’ was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Boyd reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Mayhew, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows therein mentioned, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same, and for other Purposes;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from sundry Merchants of the County of Essex, praying that the Legislature would pass a Law to prohibit the Practice of Peddling, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Walton, Wade and Wallace.

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The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, February 8, 1796.*

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Dover, in the County of Monmouth, praying the Benefit of a Lottery to enable them to erect a Church in that Township, was read and dismissed.

Two Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of Windfor, in the County of Middlesex, praying that a Law may pass to authorize them to repair their Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to make Titles to certain Islands in the Delaware,' was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the Clerk be directed to cause to be printed a sufficient Number of Copies of the said Bill for the Use of the House.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, " An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to " improve the Navigation of the North Branch of Rancocus Creek;" which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack,' was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from Jacob Van-Houten, of the County of Bergen, praying that he may be paid a Sum of Money for his Services as a Militia Man, for which he once had a Certificate from Peter Wilson, Esq. and which Certificate was destroyed by Fire, was read, and committed to Messrs. Haring, Morgan, and Hand, to report thereon.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows therein mentioned, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same, and for other Purposes,' was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act respecting Coroners;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. Anderson, Vredenburg and Reuben Townsend.

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The Bill, intitled, ' An Act to make Titles to certain Islands in the Delaware,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Imlay, Boyd, Southard, M'Cullough and Biddle.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, February 9, 1796.*

The House met.

A Petition from Jacobus Post, stating a Demand against the State, and praying Payment, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' An Act for dividing the Township of Windsor, ' in the County of Middlesex, into two separate Townships,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Hedden,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. M'Cullough,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. French,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Vredenburg,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. D. Vroom,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Walton.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Clement do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Biddle, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to authorize Joseph Shinn, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Allen, deceased, late of the County of Burlington, to make a Deed of Conveyance unto Daniel Joice, of the County aforesaid, for a certain Plantation situate in the Township of Northampton, agreeably to a Contract entered into by the said Allen and Joice, under their Hands and Seals;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ' An Act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. Southard, Wade and Stockton.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows therein mentioned, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same, and for other Purposes;' and, after having gone through the said Bill,

*Ordered,* That the same be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

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The House met.

Mr. Walton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of fundry Inhabitants in the County of Essex, praying Relief against Hawkers and Pedlars, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Laws of this State, now in Existence, are fully adequate to the Purpose of affording the Relief prayed for.

By Order of the Committee,

ELISHA WALTON.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That the Petitions be dismissed.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bridges over the Rivers Passaic and Hackinack,' reported the same with fundry Amendments, which Bill as amended was read, and being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, February 10, 1796.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act giving Relief to Creditors, where Prisoners for Debt escape or die,' was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Dayton do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, ' A supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, " An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to improve the Navigation of the north Branch of Rancocus Creek,"' was read a second Time, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Inlay, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act providing for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed,' which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading on Tuesday the 23d Instant, with the Petition in Opposition thereto.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the House that Council have rejected the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to repeal two certain Acts therein mentioned.'

The Petition from the Stage Proprietors, read on the eighteenth of November last, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. D. Vroom, Hough and Blackledge.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Speaker laid before the House, a Statement of the Property and Funds of



of the Corporation of the Rancocus Toll-Bridge Company, signed by William Coxe, Junior, their Treasurer, and made in Obedience to the Directions of the Act of Incorporation; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the same be filed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, Mr. Wallace shewed that the Order of the House of the eighteenth of November last had been fully complied with; whereupon,

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of a Tract of Marsh and Meadow, lying in the Fork of Salem Creek, in Manington, in the County of Salem, to uphold and maintain the Banks, Sluices and Waterworks, and more effectually to improve the same,' was taken into Consideration, read by Paragraphs, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Haring, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of James Westervelt,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Adjudication of the General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Essex, for Half-Pay in Favour of Elizabeth Henderson, late the Widow of Samuel Roberts, a Soldier in Captain Howell's Company of the first Regiment of New-Jersey, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have carefully examined the said Adjudication and the Vouchers accompanying the same, and are of Opinion, that the said Elizabeth Henderson is entitled to the Half-Pay of her former Husband Samuel Roberts, during her Widowhood; nevertheless we are of Opinion, that the Length of Time of the Widowhood is not legally substantiated to our Satisfaction: It appears by fundry Certificates that Samuel Roberts, her late Husband, was killed in the Battle of Germantown, of which we have no Doubt, and it also appears by the Oath of her present Husband Robert Henderson, that she was married to the said Robert Henderson on the twenty-fourth Day of October, 1784, which Proof of her present Husband, (who in our Opinion is an interested Witness) is not the best Evidence that the Case will admit of: All which is humbly submitted.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize Joseph Shinn, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Allen, deceased, late of the County of Burlington, to make a Deed of Conveyance unto Daniel Joice, of the County aforesaid, for a certain Plantation situate in the Township of Northampton, agreeably to a Contract entered into by the said Allen and Joice, under their Hands and Seals,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Peck attended and took his Seat.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts,' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to Messrs. Imlay, Haring, Anderson, Wyckoff, Hand, Thomson and Manning.

Mr. Dayton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday,*



*Thursday, February 11, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition from sundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Somerset,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Evil complained of in the said Petition arises from a Defect in the 10th Section of the Act, intituled, 'An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,' passed the 11th of March, 1774, respecting the appointing of Overseers of the Road, in Cases where the said Overseers of the Road neglect or refuse to take upon them that Office.

Your Committee therefore submit to the House a Bill, intituled, 'A further Supplement to the Act, intituled, "An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges," to remedy the Evil complained of.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which Report the House agreed: Whereupon,  
The Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Elizabeth Dunham, late Elizabeth Horton, and her Husband Benue Dunham, praying a Renewal of a Warrant of Half-Pay, granted to her as the Widow of Doctor Jonathan Horton, to authorize them to draw from the Treasurer the Amount of her late Husband's Half-Pay for the Time she remained the Widow of Doctor Horton, with a Number of Vouchers to justify their Claim, which were read and dismissed.

A Petition from the Freeholders, Overseers of the Roads, and Inhabitants of the Township of Morris, in the County of Morris, praying a Repeal of the Act directing their Roads to be repaired by Hire, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Wade, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize the Commissioners therein named to lay out a Road leading from the Bridge at the Village of Second River, through the Cedar Swamp, to the Bridge over the Hackinsack River,' which Bill was read; whereupon two Petitions were presented in Opposition to the passing the same, and read,

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be committed to Messrs. Boyd, Wade and Anderson.

A Memorial and Petition from Samuel S. Smith, John Bayard, James F. Armstrong, John Beatty, Andrew Hunter, Richard Stockton and Joseph Bloomfield, a Committee of the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, representing that the Funds of the College formerly amounted to £. 10,000 and upwards, and was lost in the War that established the Independence of America; its Buildings were greatly injured, being alternately used as Barracks and as Hospitals; its Library and philosophical Apparatus were almost wholly destroyed; the Trustees, therefore, from a Deficiency of their Funds, solicit the Aid and Patronage of the Legislature; which being read, was ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Owners of a Tract of Marsh and Meadow, lying in the Fork of Salem Creek, in Mannington, in the County of Salem, to uphold and maintain the Banks, Sluices and Waterworks, and more effectually to improve the same,' was read and compared.

*Resolved*



*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Debow do wait on the Council, and acquaint them that the said Bill is passed by this House without Amendment.

On Motion,

*Resolved,* That this House will meet every Morning, Sundays excepted, at ten o'Clock precisely, and continue sitting until two o'Clock in the Afternoon, except when the House shall order otherwise.

The Memorial of the Committee of the Trustees of the New-Jersey College being read a second Time, was committed to Messrs. Haring, Wade, Manning, Im-lay, Southard, Biddle, French, Mayhew, Rn. Townsend, Frazer, Starke, Peck and M'Cullough.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, February 12, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Martin, from Council, delivered a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Management of certain Meadows on Burlington Creek,' to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Anderson, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, 'An Act respecting Coroners,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, which Bill was read, and after some time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration of the said Bill be postponed.

Mr. Clement, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Gloucester and the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to rebuild and keep in Repair the Upper Bridge over Great Timber Creek,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. D. Vroom, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Proprietors of Stages, which now run between Paules Hook and Philadelphia, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they have examined the Petition to them referred, and are of Opinion that one fourth Part of the Money paid, during the last Year, by each of the Line of Stages running the said Road, be remitted, and submit a Bill to the Consideration of the House, intituled, 'An Act directing the Treasurer to pay certain Sums of Money to certain Stage Proprietors.'

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of James Westervelt,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, "An Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State,"' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Sharps and Richard Townsend.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning the Cavalry,' was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,*



*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, February 13, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of Insolvent Debtors reported as follows :

**T**HAT in their Opinion the Act passed the eighteenth Day of March last, for the Relief of Persons imprisoned for Debt, ought to be extended to all Debtors confined for Debt in any of the Gaols of this State.

By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

Which Report was read.

A Motion was made to strike out the Word *all* and insert the Word *certain*, to read *certain Debtors* ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Amendment ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Imlay,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. French,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Manning,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Wade.	
Mr. Morgan,		

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report as amended ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Hand,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Imlay,
Mr. French,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wade.	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Peck,		

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Dayton, D. Vroom and Somers, be a Committee to bring in a Bill pursuant to the above Report.

Several Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, praying  
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that Daniel Dayton and Daniel Sale, Securities for Joseph Crane, Sheriff of the said County, may be released from the Payment of a certain Sum of Money therein mentioned, were read, and committed to Messrs. Walton, Sinnickson and Hedden.

A Petition from Jacob Parker, of the County of Salem, with sundry Papers and Documents accompanying the same, setting forth the Destruction of the Testament and last Will of Thomas Webber, of the County aforesaid, and praying Relief in the Premises, was read,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of the said Petition.

A Petition from William Drake, of Piscataway, in the County of Middlesex, praying for Relief in the Premises therein set forth, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning the Cavalry.'

On Motion,

Several Sections were added to the Bill for organizing the Artillery, and the Title amended to read as follows: 'An Act concerning the Cavalry and Artillery.'

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.

Several Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, praying that the Appointment of Militia Officers may be for a limited Time, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Management of certain Meadows on Burlington Creek,' was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Haring, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacob Van-Houten, reported as follows:

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Petitioner should be relieved, and that he should have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN HARING.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Samuel Smith, of the County of Hunterdon, praying Compensation for some Cartridge Boxes furnished Captain Geerhart, was read, and referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, February 15, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Haring, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial and Petition of a Committee of the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, reported as follows:

**T**HAT it has been satisfactorily represented to your Committee, by the Committee of the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, that the Funds of the College



College in the Year 1775 amounted to the Sum of £. 10,000, but that in Consequence of the Events which took Place during the late War, their Funds have been so far diminished as to render it impracticable for the Trustees to pay the necessary Salaries of their Professors and Tutors, and to make the necessary Repairs which the College sustained during the late Revolution, by the Injuries done to the Building, its philosophical Apparatus and Library, and also to incapacitate the said Trustees to encounter such Expenses as will render the Institution more extensively useful without pecuniary Aid from the Legislature: Your Committee are therefore of the Opinion, that the Situation of the Funds of the College of New-Jersey is such as to require the Aid, and justify the Interference, of the Legislature.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN HARING.

Which Report was read, whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Report be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly went into a Committee of the whole House, and Mr. Vredenburg took the Chair of the Committee, and, after some Time spent on the said Report, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Vredenburg, Chairman of the Committee, reported, that the Committee had agreed to present the following Resolution, to wit,

*Resolved*, That Six Hundred Pounds per Annum, of the Interest which may hereafter arise and become due on the Loan Office Money now in Circulation, until the whole of the Loan Office Money be paid into the Treasury, be paid to the Trustees of the College of New-Jersey, to be appropriated by the said Trustees, in such Manner as shall most conduce to promote the Interest of Science and Literature in the said College.

Which Report and Resolution being read and considered; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report and Resolution? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Walton.	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Boyd,		Mr. French,
Mr. Dayton,		Mr. Haring,
Mr. Hand,		Mr. Hough,
Mr. Hedden,		Mr. M'Cullough,
Mr. Imlay,		Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Manning,		Mr. Somers,
Mr. Mayhew,		Mr. Southard,
Mr. Morgan,		Mr. Starke,
Mr. Peck,		Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Seeley,		Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Sinnickson,		Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Stockton,		Mr. Vredenburg,
Mr. Thomson,		Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Van-Cleve,		Mr. Wyckoff.

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Imlay, Anderson and Van-Cleve, be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill in Conformity with the said Report.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act to provide for the Management of certain Meadows on Burlington Creek,' was read a third Time.

*Resolved*



*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Frazer do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intituled, “ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to improve the Navigation of the north Branch of Rancocus Creek,” ’ was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize Joseph Shinn, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Allen, deceased, to complete a Contract made by the said Allen in his Lifetime with Daniel Joice,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to incorporate the Stockholders of the Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. French,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Wallace.	Mr. Wyckoff.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows therein mentioned, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks enclosing the same, and for other Purposes,’ was read and compared,

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said several Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Frazer do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of James Westervelt,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.	Yeas.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. French,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Hand,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. D. Vroom,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Wallace.	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Peck,		Mr. Morgan,	

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, February 16, 1796.*



The House met.

Mr. Frazer reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Adjudication of the General Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Hunterdon, in Favour of Hannah Henry, late the Widow of Edward Demund, Major in Colonel Hankinson's Regiment of Militia of the County of Sussex, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they have carefully examined the said Adjudication, and Vouchers accompanying the same, and are of Opinion, that she is entitled to the Half-Pay of her late Husband Edward Demund : Nevertheless we are further of Opinion, that the Determination of her Widowhood is not sufficiently satisfactory, inasmuch as the same is not proven upon the Oath of the Minister or Justice of the Peace, or other Person, that married her to her present Husband Arthur Henry, or upon the Oath of any other Person present at said Marriage; which Proof, upon Oath or Affirmation, we take to be absolutely necessary on all such Applications; which we humbly submit.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the College of New-Jersey; ' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition from Matthias Allen, read on the thirteenth of November last, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Wade, Hough and Seeley.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes, ' was read a second Time; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be referred to a Committee of the whole House.

The House accordingly went into a Committee of the whole House, and Mr. Van-Cleve took the Chair of the Committee; and, after some Time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Van-Cleve, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the said Committee sit again To-morrow.

A Petition from Richard M'Donald, late Collector of the Township of Bedminster, in the County of Somerset, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from the County of Essex, praying an Alteration in the General Election Law, so that their Election may be hereafter held in Townships, was read, and committed to Messrs. Van-Cleve, M'Cullough and Wallace.

Agreeably to the Order of the House of the eighteenth of November last, on the Petition from the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows on Black Brook, it appearing that the Petitioners have not complied with the Order of the House,

*Ordered*, That their Application be dismissed.

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A Petition from sundry Owners of the Low Meadows on the Passaick and Branches thereof, in Morris and Essex Counties, with a Petition from Lucas Vanbeverhoudt, were read, praying a supplementary Act to an Act for draining the Meadows on the Passaick and the Branches thereof, by cutting a Canal or Ditch through the Long Meadow, appointing three new Commissioners to complete such Part of said Canal or Ditch as is unfinished; and that the Act may compel, under a Penalty, the Owners of said Meadows to keep such Part of the said Canal free and clear of all Obstructions as is opposite to their Land.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Cumberland, praying that the Laws of the State may be so altered as that common Cases of Assault and Battery may be tried and determined by a Justice of the Peace, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hand have Leave of Absence during the Remainder of the present Sitting.

The Bill, intituled 'An Act concerning the College of New-Jersey,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Linn, from Council, presented a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to authorize the stowing of Boats in the publick Road at Cape Island, in the Lower Precinct of the County of Cape-May,' to which he requested the Concurrence of this House; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act respecting Coroners;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, February 17, 1796.*

The House met.

The Petition from Richard M'Donald, of the County of Somerset, stating an Injury which he has sustained in Consequence of his having been a Collector of Taxes in the Township of Bedminster, in the said County, and praying Relief, was read a second Time, and dismissed.

The Report of Mr. Stockton on the Petition of Peter Brocaw of the seventeenth of November last, was read a second Time, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of his Petition.

A Petition from Joseph Salter and Josiah Foster, in Behalf of the Indian Natives, residing at Brotherton, in the County of Burlington, praying that a Supplement may be made to the Act passed the twelfth of August 1758, appointing new Commissioners to take Charge of the Lands and Mill at Brotherton, and let or lease the same for the Use and Benefit of the said Indians or Natives, was read, and committed to Messrs. Biddle, Mayhew, Blacklidge, Starke and Morgan.

A Petition from Dorothy Crowell, of the County of Morris, praying that seven Years and a Half Interest on the One-third of the Principal Sum due to the State on a Bond prosecuted against her by William Walton, whose Estate

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was confiscated to and vested in this State, may be remitted to her, was read, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Debow and Armstrong.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act respecting ' Coroners,' and, after having gone through the said Bill,

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the College of New-Jersey,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Debow,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. French,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Hough,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Somers,	
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Walton,		
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Speaker.		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. French do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Mayhew, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act to supply the Testament and last ' Will of Thomas Webber ;' which Bill was read, and referred to be read on the twenty-seventh of October next, when any Person interested therein, having any Objection to the Passing of said Bill, may then be heard before the House; the Petitioners giving previous Notice thereof, with a Copy of this Order, for four Weeks in the Pennsylvania Gazette, and in four publick Places in the County of Salem, *to wit*, in the Town of Salem, and in the Townships of Mannington and Upper Penn's Neck, and in Woodstown, in the Township of Piles-Grove.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. French reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, " An Act for organizing and " training the Militia of this State," reported the same with sundry Amendments, which Bill being further amended, was ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the Cavalry and Artillery,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. French,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Thomson,		

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Haring do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Haring reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled, ' An Act constituting Courts ' for the Trial of small Causes: ' Mr. Van-Cleve accordingly took the Chair of the Committee, and, after some Time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Van-Cleve, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

A Petition from fundry Persons owning Lands, adjoining on Assanpink Creek, praying that the Governor may be authorized by Law to incorporate a Company for the Purpose of Opening a Lock Navigation up the Assanpink Creek as far as the York Road, was read.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill on Friday the 26th Instant, on previously advertising their Intention of presenting a Bill, with a Copy of this Order, in four publick Places along up the Neighbourhood of the said Assanpink Creek, and also serving James Coalman, who lives in the State of Pennsylvania, and who owns Lands on the said Creek, with a Copy of this Order, at least seven Days previous thereto.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, February 18, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Walton, from the Committee to whom was committed the Petition of Daniel Dayton and Daniel Sale, who were Securities for Joseph Crane, Sheriff of the County of Essex, for the due Performance of his Office as Sheriff, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Grievance complained of is extremely hard. Nevertheless, as it was a voluntary Act in being Security for the said Joseph Crane, it would be improper for the Legislature to interfere in granting the Relief prayed for.

By Order of the Committee,

ELISHA WALTON.

To which the House agreed.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions of the County of Essex, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in their Opinion, a Supplement to the Election Law ought to pass, to empower the Inhabitants of the said County of Essex to hold their Elections in future by Townships.

By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

To which the House agreed ; whereupon,

Mr. Van-Cleve, with Leave, presented a Bill, intitled, ' A further Supplement ' to



‘ to the several Acts relative to Elections in this State ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Manning, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intitled, “ An Act to incorporate the North Ward of Perth Amboy, in the County of Middlesex,” ’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Biddle, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ A supplementary Act to the Act, intitled, “ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll-Bridge over Rancocas Creek,” ’ which Bill was read, and ordered to be read a second Time on the 26th Instant, publick Notice being first given by Advertisement in the City of Burlington for at least four Days previous thereto.

A Petition from John Sheppard, Jun. of the County of Cumberland, praying that the Rates of Ferriage at his Ferry across Cohansey Creek may be enlarged, was read, and committed to Messrs. Peck, Wyckoff and Somers.

A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of Greenwich, in the County of Gloucester, praying that the Road lately run by Commissioners from Bridgetown, in the County of Cumberland, to the Upper Bridge over Mantua Creek, may be vacated and made void, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Sundry Petitions from different Townships in this State, praying an Alteration in the Road Act, so that their Roads may be hereafter repaired by Hire, were read, and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Hedden and Morgan.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ A further Supplement to the Act, intitled, “ An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,” ’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Imlay, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for granting a further Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein named ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Wyckoff, with Leave, presented a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Peter Brocaw ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Stillwell laid before the House an Adjudication of two of the Judges of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in Favour of Hugh Newel, by which it appears that there was due to him on the tenth of August, 1784, Fourteen Pounds Two Shillings from the confiscated Estate of David Gosling.

*Ordered,* That the same be committed to Messrs. Walton, Stockton and Rd. Townsend.

Mr. Black, from Council, informed the House that the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to authorize Joseph Shinn, Administrator of the Estate of Thomas Allen, deceased, to complete a Contract made by the said Allen in his Lifetime with Daniel Joyce,’ is rejected by Council.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Township of Gloucester, and the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to rebuild and keep in Repair the Upper Bridge on Great Timber Creek,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Agreeably to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes :’ Mr. Van-Cleve accordingly took the Chair of the Committee, and, after some Time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr.



Van-Cleve, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made further Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, February 19, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Peck, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of John Sheppard, Junior, reported as follows :

**T**HAT your Committee having made due Enquiry respecting the Premises, are of Opinion, that the Rates of the Ferry referred to in said Petition ought to be raised ; and that the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN PECK.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Morris, in Favour of Theodosia Ford, Widow of Colonel Jacob Ford, deceased ; the Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Essex, in Favour of Rachel Stivers, Widow of Samuel Stivers, late a Soldier in Captain Cox's Company in the third Jersey Regiment ; and the Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Morris, in Favour of Mary Porter, Widow of David Porter, and formerly the Widow of Aaron Crane, late a Soldier in the Continental Army,

*Report,*

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the said Theodosia Ford is not entitled to the Half-Pay of her said Husband, as from the Time and Manner of his Death it is evident to your Committee the same was not occasioned by the Duty of his Office. Your Committee further report, that, in their Opinion, the said Rachel Stivers and Mary Porter are entitled to the Half-Pay of their late Husbands.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors ; ' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intituled, " An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, Swamps and Low Lands, on the River Passaick and its several Branches, between the Little Falls and the Mill-Dam at Chatham, to break up the Reaffs near the said Falls, and to dig Canals for the more effectual draining said Lands, and to raise Money for that Purpose ; " which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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Mr. Walton, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Education of poor Children ;’ which Bill was read, and committed to Messrs. D. Vroom, Boyd and Hough.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An additional Supplement to the Act, intitled, “ An Act for organizing and training the Militia of this State,” was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. French,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Haring.
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thomson,		
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hedden do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Biddle, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act concerning the Surrogates in the several Counties of this State ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Dorothy Crowell, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they have examined the Facts set forth in said Petition, and are satisfied that they are true; that it appears by Endorsement of an Execution returnable May Term, 1795, to the Supreme Court of this State, that William Walton, by his Attorney Aaron Ogden, obtained a Judgment against the Petitioner as Administratrix of her Husband Enos Crowell, deceased, on a Bond dated the 8th Day of September, 1774, conditioned for the Payment of One Hundred Pounds, with Interest thereon until November 1775, which was rendered without the usual Deduction of seven Years and five Months Interest, amounting to Thirty-three Pounds more than the Penalty of said Bond. Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that the Prayer of said Petition is reasonable, and ought to be granted by the Legislature; and that the Petitioner have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer thereof.

By Order of the Committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

To which the House agreed.

The Report of Mr. D. Vroom, of the 12th Instant, on the Petition from the Proprietors of the Stages, was read a second Time, and disagreed to.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Report of Mr. Peck, on the Petition of John Sheppard, was read a second Time, and agreed to ; whereupon,

Mr. Peck presented, in Behalf of the Petitioner, a Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement  
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to an Act, intituled, " An Act to lay out a Road on the southerly Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and to establish a Ferry across the said Creek from the Town of Greenwich to the said Road," passed the twenty-eighth of June, 1766 ;" which Bill was read.

*Ordered*, That the same be read a second Time on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting, the Purport of the Bill being published, with a Copy of this Order, in three of the most publick Places in each of the Townships of Greenwich and Fairfield, in the County of Cumberland, for at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of Meadows therein mentioned, to repair, keep up and maintain the Banks, Dams and Waterworks, enclosing the same, and for other Purposes,' without Amendment.

Agreeably to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, ' An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes ;' Mr. Van-Cleve accordingly took the Chair of the Committee, and after some Time spent thereon the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Van-Cleve, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made further Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Imlay, Anderson and Wade, be a Committee to report to the House what Books, in their Opinion, is necessary should be purchased for the Use of the Legislature.

Mr. Whildden, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the College of New-Jersey,' without Amendment.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, February 20, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Biddle, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Salter and Josiah Foster, Esqr. in Behalf of the Indians at Brotherton, in the Township of Evesham, and County of Burlington, requesting a Law may pass to appoint Commissioners to take Charge of the real Estate formerly purchased for their Use, reported as follows :

**T**HAT, in Order to effectuate the benevolent Object of the Government in making said Purchase, it is necessary that a Law should pass, appointing Commissioners to take charge of and lease out the said real Estate, under such Regulations and Restrictions as shall appear most conducive to the Advantage of the said Indians, and present a Bill for the Purposes aforesaid.

By Order of the Committee,

STACY BIDDLE.

To which Report the House agreed ; whereupon,

Mr. Biddle presented a Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act to empower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to cer-

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"tain Lands in this Colony, passed August the 12th, Anno Domini 1758," which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Hedden reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a Warrant granted to Lydia Whitlock for her Husband's Half-Pay, who died in the Service of the United States, on which there was no further Room for Endorsements, which was read,

*Ordered*, That the same be renewed ; whereupon a Warrant in Lieu of the same was read and approved.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hough do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act respecting Coroners,' was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Boyd.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wyckoff.	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Stockton,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Hough do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from Kenneth Hankinson, late Collector of the County of Monmouth, stating Difficulties which he has been put to in obtaining a Settlement of his Accounts, as Collector, with the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the said County, and praying that some Remedy may be provided by Law to remove those Difficulties, was read, and committed to Messrs. Imlay, Clement and Seeley.

The Report of Mr. Frazer of Yesterday, on the Applications for Half-Pay, was read a second Time, and the first Part thereof respecting the Allowance of Half-Pay to the Widow of Colonel Jacob Ford was agreed to.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report as far as respects an Allowance to Rachel Stivers ? It was carried in the Negative.

On the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Report as far as respects an Allowance to Mary Porter ? It was carried in the Negative.

The Report of Mr. Frazer of the 10th Instant, on the Application of Elizabeth Henderson, for the Amount of her late Husband's Half-Pay, was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Agreeably to Order the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, ' An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of ' small Causes ;' Mr. Van-Cleve accordingly took the Chair of the Committee, and after some Time spent thereon the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Van-Cleve, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made further Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have Leave to sit again.



The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, February 22, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, presented a Bill, intituled, 'An Act to enable the Trustees of the Academy in the Town of Woodbridge to complete the said Academy in the Town of Woodbridge by Lottery,' to which he requested the Concurrence of this House; which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Southard, agreeably to Leave given, and in Behalf of the Petitioner, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of the Administrators of Enos Crowell, deceased,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Petition of Jacobus Post, read on the 9th Instant, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Blacklidge and French.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Joseph Reading,

*Reported,*

**T**HAT it appears to your Committee that the Petitioner entered into Bonds to Lambert Cadwalader, of the County of Hunterdon, on the first of June, 1773, conditioned for the Payment of Three Hundred Pounds: That some Time before the Commencement of Hostilities between America and Great-Britain the said Bonds were assigned to Joseph Taylor, of the said County of Hunterdon, who took Refuge with and joined the Armies of the King of Great-Britain then waging War with the United States, and remained with the Enemy during the said War, whereby he became subject to the Penalties and Forfeitures of the Acts of the Legislature for forfeiting the Estates of certain Fugitives and Offenders: That an Inquisition was, in Pursuance of those Acts, duly found against the said Joseph Taylor, and final Judgment entered thereon against him: That, by the Provisions of the said Acts, the Commissioners therein named were authorized and required to call on all Debtors of such Fugitives and Offenders for the Payment of their Debts, and to give Receipts which should forever bar the Offender or any Person claiming or to claim under him in the Premises; and a Forfeiture of double the Value of the Debt was thereby imposed on such Debtors who should conceal or neglect or refuse to pay the Monies so become due and owing to the State by Virtue of said Confiscation: That the Petitioner lived in the said County of Hunterdon, and having taken a Part with his Country early, gave Notice to the Commissioners of forfeited Estates of such his being indebted to the said Joseph Taylor: That the Commissioners not being in Possession of the said Bonds, could not ascertain the exact Amount, as some Payments had been made of the Interest, but the whole principal Sum and Fifty-two Pounds Ten Shillings Interest was demanded and received, for which one of the said Commissioners for the County of Hunterdon gave a Receipt, being the Sum of Three Hundred and Fifty-two Pounds Ten Shillings, on the tenth of December, 1779, for Principal and Interest on the said Bond: That the said Money was paid to the said Commissioner in Continental Bills of Credit while the same were a legal Tender under the Laws of this State, received by him



him as Lawful Money, and paid forward to the Treasury of this State: That an Act of the Legislature had been passed on the fifth of October, 1779, to enforce the Currency of the said Money as a lawful Tender in Payment of all Debts and Demands: That under an Act of the Legislature passed the twenty-eighth of November, 1789, to authorize Persons whose Estates have been confiscated, to demand and receive Debts due to the State by Virtue of such Confiscations, it is provided that a Suit may be instituted for the Recovery of the remaining Part of a Debt or Demand, where it shall appear that only a Part has been paid into the Treasury of the State: That a Suit hath been brought against the said Petitioner in the Supreme Court of this State, and Judgment rendered against him for the whole Amount of Penalty of the Bond, owing, as the Petitioner states, to a Decision of the said Court; that, as a small Part of the Interest was left unpaid; that the entire Payment of the Principal Sum and the greater Part of the Interest so made to the Commissioners, shall be liquidated by the Scale of Depreciation, and thereby established the Claim in Favour of the Plaintiff: That this Decision was also made after an Act of the Legislature passed the thirteenth of March, 1795, in which it is expressly declared that the Payment so made to the Commissioners shall be taken and allowed at the nominal Sum, and that all Courts and Juries shall be bound by said Law.

That your Committee are at a Loss to conceive how the Payment of the Money so made by the Petitioner to the Commissioners of forfeited Estates, can, upon any Principle of Law, Justice or Reason, become subject to the Acts establishing a Scale of Depreciation: The Objects of those Acts is declared to be to settle and determine the *true Value* of Debts and Contracts *made and entered into* between the *Citizens* of this State, *during the several Periods* of Depreciation: By the Act passed the twenty-second of June, 1781, it is enacted ' That all Debts ' and Contracts of what Nature soever, made and entered into since the first of ' January, 1777, and before the ninth of June, 1780, &c. shall be adjusted and ' settled by reducing the Amount of all such Debts and Contracts to their true ' Value in Specie *at the Time* they were respectively *made and entered into*, &c.' This Act of Assembly, or the Amendment passed December 25, 1781, contains so clear and unequivocal an Expression of the Intent and Meaning of the Legislature, that it is a Matter of Astonishment to your Committee that the Case of the Petitioner could, by Construction, have been brought within the Words thereof; the said Debt not having been *contracted* between *Citizens of this State* during the several Periods of Depreciation, and not between the first of January, 1777, and ninth of June 1780, the Periods expressly limited by the Legislature.

The Petitioner has also stated, that he is deprived of the Benefit of the Acts which allow a Deduction of Interest during the War; for if that Deduction were made from the Time contemplated by the Act, *to wit*, from the fourth of July, 1776, to the Time of Payment to the Commissioners, more than is really due has been paid, and your Committee are of Opinion that the Operation of that Law ought, with equal Propriety, be extended to this Case as the Scale of Depreciation.

That, considering this Case as between the State and the Petitioner, your Committee are of Opinion it is attended with manifest Injustice and Hardship. The Legislature, having passed an Act confiscating the Estates of Fugitives and Offenders, appointing Commissioners as Agents of the State, to take Possession, to sue for and recover all such Estates, and authorizing the said Commissioners to give Receipts, Acquittances and Discharges on the Payment of any Debts or Sums of Money, and declaring that such ' the Receipts, Acquittances and Discharges given by the respective Commissioners on the Delivery of any Goods ' or



‘ or Chattels, or the Payment of any Debts or Sums of Money, shall forever bar the Offender or any Person claiming or to claim under him in the Premises,’ could not, in direct Violation of such Act, revive a Right in the Offender to recover against such Receipt of the Commissioner; and your Committee are clearly of Opinion that no such Act has been passed, and therefore a Recovery against the Petitioner for the whole of the Debt, after the Value of the Payment as liquidated by the Scale of Depreciation shall be deducted, is contrary to the Intent of the Legislature, and that it would be unjust in the State to claim of him such Part thereof as may be payable to the Treasurer of the State.

Your Committee submit, as their Opinion to the House, that the Case of the Petitioner is not within the Acts establishing the Scale of Depreciation, as is evident from the Letter and plain Meaning of the Acts.

That it was the Intent of the Legislature that the Receipts given by the Commissioners should forever bar the Fugitive and Offender from all Claims for the nominal Sum paid to the Commissioners.

That no Act of the Legislature has been passed to contravene that Intent and Purpose.

That the Acts allowing a Deduction of Interest from the fourth of July, 1776, to the eighteenth of December, 1783, should have been extended so as to have barred the Demand of Interest against the Petitioner, and to have discharged the Interest not paid agreeably to the Intent of those Acts, by which no Debt could have remained due to the State.

That the Legislature only contemplate the remaining Part of a Demand, where Part has been paid to the Commissioners.

That the Legislature, by their Act passed the thirteenth of March, 1795, do expressly ratify and confirm such Payments, and which Law your Committee are of Opinion ought to have been binding on the said Court, and superior to any Adjudication of the said Court.

That, for these Reasons, if the Petitioner should not obtain Relief in the Premises in a Court of Equity, that the Legislature should discharge him at least from the Payment of such Part as by Law is payable to the Treasurer of the State.

ADAM BOYD,  
BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE,  
BENJAMIN MANNING.

*Ordered,* That the said Report be read a second Time.

Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Townships in the several Counties of this State to repair their Highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that Purpose,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, “ An Act to incorporate the North Ward of Perth Amboy, in the County of Middlesex,” ’ was read a second Time, and the following Words added to the Title, *and for other Purposes therein mentioned*; which Bill was further amended, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize the stowing of Boats in the publick Road at Cape-Island, in the Lower Precinct of the County of Cape-May,’ was read a second Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the  
‘ Township



‘ Township of Gloucester and the Township of Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to rebuild and keep in repair the Upper Bridge on Great Timber Creek,’ was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nay.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Boyd.
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Manning do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

The Report of Mr. Southard of the seventh of November last, on the Petition of the Executors of David Wade, deceased, was read a second Time, and agreed to.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition.

The several Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Hunterdon, praying that the Appointment of Militia Officers may be for a limited Time, was read a second Time, and dismissed.

Mr. Manning reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from James Brooks, of the County of Hunterdon, stating that he had been wounded in the Service of the United States, by which he had been considerably disabled, and praying that he may have the Relief and Assistance the Law directs extended to him, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Agreeably to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of ‘ small Causes;’ Mr. Van-Cleve accordingly took the Chair of the Committee, and, after having gone through the said Bill, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Van-Cleve, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had gone through the Bill to them referred, which he reported with the Amendments; which Bill as amended was read, and committed to Messrs. Haring, D. Vroom and Mayhew.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, February 23, 1796.*

The House met.

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A Petition



A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying Leave to present a Bill to direct that the upper Bridge over Mantua Creek shall be hereafter kept up and maintained at the Expence of the County of Gloucester, was read, and it appearing that publick Notice has been given in the County, that a Bill would be at this Time presented for that Purpose,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition ; whereupon,

Mr. Clement presented a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to alter the Mode of Maintaining Carpenter’s or the upper Bridge over Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Ann Dougherty, Administratrix, &c. of John Dougherty, deceased, stating a Demand against the State, was read, and committed to Messrs. Van-Cleve, Wallace and Reuben Townsend.

A Memorial from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, and a Petition from the Heirs of David and Joseph Rogers, who were interested in the Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack, remonstrating against the Proceedings of the Commissioners who fixed the Bridges over Passaick and Hackinsack, and the Road from Newark to Paulus Hook, were read, and committed to Messrs. Dayton, Frazer, Manning, Biddle, Sinnickson, Haring and Stillwell.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to authorize the Stowing of Boats in the publick Road at Cape Island, in the Lower Precinct of the County of Cape-May,’ was read a third Time ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blackledge,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Clement.
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wyckoff.	
Mr. M’Cullough,	Mr. Stillwell,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. M’Cullough do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House without Amendment.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to enable the Trustees of the Academy in the Town of Woodbridge to complete the said Academy by Lottery,’ was read a second Time ; on the Question, Whether the same be read a third Time ? It was carried in the Negative ; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Mr. M’Cullough do wait on the Council, and inform them that the said Bill is rejected by this House.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ A further Supplement to the Act, intitled, “ An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges,”’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.



Yeas.	Yeas,	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Hough,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Blackledge,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Wallace.	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Southard,		
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Starke,		

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. M'Cullough do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, 'An Act providing for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed,' was read a second Time, and the Parties in Favour of and against the Bill were heard with their Witnesses, and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act providing for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed,' and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, February 24, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of sundry Officers and Privates who went on the late Western Expedition into Pennsylvania, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they have examined the several Papers and Vouchers to them referred, and are of Opinion, that although the several Claims do not come within the Letter of the Law of this State, making Compensation for Losses, and for which Claims Congress have provided, yet they are such as, in the Opinion of your Committee, ought to be paid by the United States, and that it will be proper for this State to allow the same, and make Application to Congress for Indemnification, as individual Application will be attended with great Expence and loss of Time.

By Order of the Committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

*Ordered,* That the said Report be read a second Time.

Mr.



Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Jacobus Post, reported as follows :

**T**H A T they have examined the Petition, Vouchers and Papers to them committed, from which it appears that the Commissioners of forfeited Estates in the County of Bergen, seized and sold two Bolts and Bolting Cloths as the confiscated Property of Thomas Duncan, which Property has since appeared to be the Petitioner's, but the Appraisement of said Property being made near nineteen Years after the Sale thereof, is not satisfactory to your Committee : They are therefore of Opinion the Papers be referred to the next Sitting of the Legislature.

By Order of the Committee.

HENRY SOUTHARD.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That the said Petition be referred to the next Sitting.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled ' An Act providing for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed,' and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act providing for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed,' and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Several Petitions from Persons confined in Gaol for Debt, praying the Benefit of an Act of Insolvency, were read, and ordered a second Reading, with the Bill for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, February 25, 1796.*

The House met.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of Meadows on the North Branch of Pensawkin Creek, praying Leave to present a Bill to provide for the Maintenance of the Dams and Waterworks on the said Pensawkin Creek, was read,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill agreeably to the Prayer of their Petition on the second Thursday in the next Sitting, previously advertising their Intention, and the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, in five of the most publick Places adjacent to the Dam and Meadows, for two Weeks.

Mr. Cook, from Council, informed the House that Council had made sundry Amendments to the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' which



which he presented with the Bill; which Bill and Amendments were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth which have been embezzled or destroyed;' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, informed the House that Council had concurred in the Warrant of Half-Pay in Favour of Lydia Whitlock, in Lieu of one heretofore granted.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, February 26, 1796.*

The House met.

A Petition from sundry Inhabitants of the County of Monmouth, praying that the Legislature would alter the Law allowing Plaintiffs to lay the Venue of their Actions in any County where they please, was read and referred to the Committee to whom was referred the Bill respecting the Supreme and Circuit Courts, Messrs. Imlay, Haring, Manning, Anderson, Hand and Wyckoff.

Three Petitions from Monmouth County, praying that a more direct Road may be laid from Freehold to Mount-Holly, was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Elmer, from Council, presented a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for improving the Navigation of Alloways Creek, in the County of Salem;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Dayton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Newark, in the County of Essex, praying for a Law to permit them to build Bridges over the Rivers Passaick and Hackinsack,

*Reported*,

**T**HAT, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Petitioners have Liberty to present a Bill on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting of the Legislature, they advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present at least one Month previous thereto, in one of the daily Papers published in New-York and in the Paper printed in Newark by John Woods.

By Order of the Committee,

ELIAS DAYTON.

To which the House agreed.



The Bill, intitled, ‘ A supplementary Act to the Act, intitled, “ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll-Bridge over Rancocus Creek,” agreeably to the Order of the Day, was read a second Time, and a Petition from the Proprietors of the Toll-Bridge over Rancocus Creek, praying to be heard in Opposition to the said Bill.

*Ordered,* That they have Leave to be heard, and that the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed ;’ and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ A supplementary Act to the Act, intitled, “ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to build a Toll-Bridge over Rancocus Creek,” and the Memorial against the same ; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be referred to the second Thursday of the next Sitting.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to alter the Mode of maintaining Carpenter’s or the Upper Bridge over Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Haring, from Council, presented a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for appointing Trustees to execute the Purposes of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Brown, deceased,’ to which he requested the Concurrence of this House.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the House that the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to constitute and appoint Trustees of the last Will and Codicil of Abraham Hewlings, Senior, late of the County of Burlington, deceased, in the Room and Stead of the Trustees therein named ;’ and the Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to the Act, intitled, “ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to improve the Navigation on the North Branch of Rancocus Creek ;” are passed by Council without Amendment.

Mr. Van-Cleve, in Behalf of the Petitioners, and agreeably to the Order of the House, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for opening the Navigation of the Assanpink Creek ;’ which Bill, together with a Memorial from sundry Persons stating Objections against the said Bill, were read, and ordered a second Reading on Tuesday next.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, February 27, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Haring, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, ‘ An



‘ An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes,’ with the Amendments made thereto in the Committee of the whole, reported the same with sundry Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments, were read, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the House that the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to empower the Inhabitants of the Townships of Gloucester and Deptford, in the County of Gloucester, to rebuild and keep in Repair the Upper Bridge over Great Timber Creek,’ is passed by Council without Amendment.

Mr. Linn, from Council, informed the House that the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Payment of Part of the Principal and Interest of the State Debt,’ is rejected by Council.

Mr. Linn also presented the following Resolution, and requested the Concurrence of this House in the same:

*Resolved*,

**T**HAT the Treasurer of the State be directed to receive from any Person who may produce the same, all Contractors and Surplus Certificates, with such Vouchers as may be offered in Support of their respective Claims, at any Time before the first Day of March next: And also that the said Treasurer, together with the Auditor, be, and they hereby are directed to examine the said Vouchers, and such Checks as have been provided by Law to guard against Fraud and Imposition, and make Report on each Certificate so received, as soon as may be, to the Legislature, in Order that such Provision may be made for their Allowance and Settlement as will be most likely to do Justice to the Holders, and secure the Interest of this State.’

Which Resolution was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed; which Bill was read, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, February 29, 1796.*

The House met.

The Resolution presented on Saturday last from Council by Mr. Linn, was read a second Time, and concurred in.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Morgan do wait on the Council, and inform them that their Resolution of Saturday, presented by Mr. Linn, is concurred in by this House.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying Leave to present a Bill to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company to improve the Navigation of the South Branch of Great Timber Creek, in the said County, was read; whereupon,

Mr. Clement, with Leave, and on Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to empower the Governor of the State of New-Jersey to incorporate a Company to improve the Navigation of the South Branch



‘ Branch of Great Timber Creek ;’ which Bill was read, and referred to be read on the second Tuesday of the next Sitting; the Petitioners previously advertising the Purport of the Bill for at least one Month previous thereto, in three of the most publick Places in the Townships of Deptford and Gloucester, in the same County.

A Petition from William Kemble, Zerobable Gaskell and others, praying a Law to authorize said Kemble and Gaskell to build a Grist-Mill on, and make a Dam across a Branch of the dividing Creeks in the Township of Downs, in the County of Cumberland, was read; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill the third Wednesday of the next Sitting to answer the Prayer of their Petition; advertising a Copy of this Order and the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, in the Newspaper printed at Bridge-town, and in three of the most publick Places in the said Township of Downs, at least three Weeks previous thereto.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes;’ the thirty-ninth Section under Consideration: On Motion to agree to the Section, it was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. McCullough,	Mr. Wyckoff.	
Mr. Manning,		

After some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Adjudication of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Gloucester, in Favour of Sarah Dorum, now Wife of John Dorum, who was late the Wife of Joseph Githins, Soldier in the Service of this State, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have duly examined the same, and the Vouchers in Support thereof, and are of Opinion, that the Proofs of the Facts therein contained are sufficiently substantiated to entitle the said Sarah Dorum to the Half-Pay of her late Husband Joseph Githins, during her Widowhood, as set forth by the Adjudication of the Court aforesaid.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr.



Mr. Walton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition and Papers accompanying the same of Hugh Newell, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have examined the Documents in the Treasury Office, and find the Demands against the Estate of David Golling are true; but that the Proportion of his Demands of the forfeited Estate amounts only to £. 1 8 4, for which Sum a Note is made out by the Treasurer to the said Hugh Newell, for the above Sum of £. 1 8 4, and dated the 25th of July, 1786, bearing Interest from September 1, 1784; which Note the Treasurer did not think himself authorized to deliver to the said Hugh Newell for Want of the original Note, which had been lost or mislaid.

Your Committee are therefore of Opinion, that a Law or Resolution ought to pass, authorizing the Treasurer to deliver to the said Hugh Newell the Note as above stated.

By Order of the Committee,

ELISHA WALTON.

Which Report was read, and referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of the Administrators of Enos Crowell, deceased,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor,' was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be committed to a Committee composed of a Member from each County; Messrs. Haring, Dayton, Vredenburgh, Walton, Stockton, Hough, Clement, Wallace, Richard Townsend, Wyckoff, Starke, Seeley and Sharps.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, March 1, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Morgan reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Haring, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the gradual Reduction of the State Debt;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from a Number of the Inhabitants of this State, and the State of Pennsylvania, stating that a certain Law therein mentioned, was near expiring by its own Limitation, and praying a Renewal of the same, was read, and committed to Messrs. Frazer, Morgan and Armstrong.

The Petition of William Drake was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Stillwell, Blacklidge and Somers.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act providing for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

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Yeas.



Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Hough.
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.	
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Starke,		

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Peck do carry the said Bill to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' with the Amendments made thereto by Council, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for granting a further Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein named,' was read, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for appointing Trustees to execute the Purposes of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Brown, deceased, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Frazer, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act in Relation to the Testimony in the Prosecutions for publick Monies;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Monmouth, praying that a Law may pass appointing and authorizing Commissioners to lay out a direct Road from Monmouth Courthouse to Mount-Holly, were read, and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of the Administrators of Enos Crowell, deceased,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Imlay,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Somers,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Wallace.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Seeley do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

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The Report of Mr. Dayton on the 24th of February, relative to the Petitions of fundry Officers and Privates who were out in Service on the late western Expedition, was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Boyd, Hedden and Sinnickson.

Mr. Peck reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Report of the Treasurer and Auditor on the Resolution presented to this House on Saturday last from Council, and concurred in by this House, was communicated by the Speaker, and ordered to lie on the Table for Consideration.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,' was read a second Time: On Motion to extend the Benefit of this Bill to John Wright and Joseph Stevens, confined for Debt in the County of Essex; all Persons confined for Debt in the County of Hunterdon; and all Persons confined for Debt in the County of Monmouth, it was carried in the Affirmative: On Motion to add the following Words, *to all Persons in like Circumstances* in this State, it was carried in the Negative, as follows:

Nays.	Nays.	Yeas.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Inlay,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Morgan,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. D. Vroom.	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. M'Cullough,		Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. Manning,		Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Mayhew,		Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Sharps,		Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Sinnickson,		Mr. Walton,
Mr. Somers,		Mr. Wyckoff.

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for opening the Navigation of the Assanpink Creek,' was read a second Time, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, March 2, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Ann Dougherty, reported as follows:

**T**HAT, in their Opinion, the Petitioner ought to have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of her Petition.

By Order of the Committee,

BENJAMIN VAN-CLEVE.

*Ordered*, That the said Report be read a second Time:

Mr.



Mr. Stillwell, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of William Drake, reported as follows :

**T**HAT the Petitioner sets forth he had his Estate confiscated for taking Refuge within the British Lines during the War between America and the King of Great-Britain: That since his Return Judgment hath been obtained against him for Two Hundred and Twenty-one Pounds Nineteen Shillings and Six-pence for Debts he became bound for, which he received before his taking Refuge as aforesaid. In the Opinion of your Committee, the Creditors had their Option either to call for their Demands on the State or on the original Debtor: That as the said William Drake hath received Compensation from Great-Britain for his Estate so forfeited, that he stands on the same Footing as he did before the Forfeiture took Place; and that allowing the Prayer of the Petition would be rewarding the Petitioner with the aforesaid Sum for his Loyalty to the aforesaid King. Your Committee are therefore of Opinion, that the Prayer of the Petitioner ought not to be granted.

By Order of the Committee,

JOSEPH STILLWELL.

To which the House agreed.

Mr. Haring, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the better Relief and Employment of the Poor,' reported the same with sundry Amendments, and the following Words added to the Title, *in the County of Salem*; which Bill, with the Amendments, was read, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ' A further Supplement to the several Acts relative to Elections in this State,' was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from the Inhabitants of the Township of Oxford, in the County of Suffex, praying that the Road Act may be so altered that they may hereafter be allowed to repair their Roads by Hire, was read and referred to be read a second Time with the Road Act before the House.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of Salt Meadows in Rahway, was read, praying Liberty to present a Bill to authorize the Owners to meet once a Year to appoint Persons to build and keep in Repair a Bridge and Causeway to be erected from the Land of Doctor Isaac Morfs to a small Island in the Line between the Meadows of Anthony Morfs and John Spinage.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition, on the first Thursday of next Session of the Legislature, they giving one Month's previous Notice in the Newspaper printed in Elizabeth-Town.

A Petition from the Executors, &c. of Samuel Lippencott, late of the County of Burlington, stating a Demand against the forfeited Estate of John Leonard, and praying Payment from the State, was read, and committed to Messrs. Biddle, Peck and Thomson.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes,' which having been considered by Paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the same be engrossed.

The Speaker laid before the House a Warrant granted to Mary Cade for her Husband's Half-Pay on which there was no further Room for Endorsements, which was read,

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the same be renewed ; whereupon,  
A Warrant in Lieu of the same was read and approved.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sharps do carry the said Warrant to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Southard, with Leave, and in Behalf of the Petitioners, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of the Executors of David ‘ Wade, deceased,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for granting a further Sum of Money to ‘ the Commissioners therein named,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Armstrong,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Starke.
Mr. M’Cullough,	Mr. Thomson,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intituled, “ An Act to “ incorporate the North Ward of Perth Amboy, in the County of Middlesex, and “ for other Purposes therein mentioned,” was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. M’Cullough,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Rn. Townsend.
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.	

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Sharps do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ‘ An ‘ Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts,’ reported the same with sundry Amendments ; which Bill as amended was read.

*Ordered*, That the same be referred to a Committee of the whole House, and that the Committee sit To-morrow.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the gradual Reduction of the State Debt,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Peter Brocaw,’ was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,



*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Petitions from Monmouth and Burlington, praying that Commissioners may be appointed to lay out a Road from Monmouth Courthouse to Mount-Holly, were read and committed to Messrs. Walton, Hough and Mayhew.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the same be committed to Messrs. Boyd, Hedden, Morgan, Stillwell, D. Vroom, Biddle, Somers, Sinnickson, Reuben Townsend, Van-Cleve, Debow, Peck and Armstrong.

Mr. Sharps reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, March 3, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Seeley reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Petitions from sundry Inhabitants of Greenwich in the County of Gloucester, praying that the Road lately run by Commissioners from Bridgetown, in the County of Cumberland, to the upper Bridge on Mantua Creek, may be vacated and made void, was read a second Time with a Number of other Petitions on the same Subject, and committed to Messrs. Southard, Clement and Seeley.

Sundry Petitions from the County of Somerset, praying that a Law may pass to authorize the Removal of the Courthouse and Gaol of the said County, was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Sinnickson from Council, informed the House that Council had concurred in the Warrant in Favour of Mary Cade.

The House took into Consideration the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Punishment of Crimes, with the Amendments made thereto by Council,' and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Agreeably to the Order of the Day, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts;' Mr. Vredenburg took the Chair of the Committee, and, after some Time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Vredenburg, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had made some Progress in the Bill to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again.

*Ordered*, That the Committee have Leave to sit again.

Mr. Clement with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Sale of Property in the Town of Paterson,' which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act



' Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,' reported the same with fundry Amendments, which Bill was read, and, after being further amended in the House, was ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, March 4, 1796.*

The House met.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act to alter the Mode of maintaining Carpenter's or the upper Bridge over Mantua Creek, in the County of Gloucester,' was read and compared.

On Motion,

*Ordered,* That the same be referred to the next Sitting.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the Surrogates in the several Counties of this State,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

A Petition from Springfield, in the County of Essex, against having their Roads repaired by a Tax, was read and ordered a second Reading with the Road Act.

A Petition from the Owners and Possessors of Meadows, &c. on Oldman's Creek, in the Township of Woolwich, in the County of Gloucester, praying the Benefit of an Act the better to enable them to improve their Meadows, was read.

*Ordered,* That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition on the first Friday of the next Sitting of the Legislature, they giving previous Notice thereof for three Weeks, by Advertisement, in at least three of the most publick Places of the Township of Woolwich in the County of Gloucester, with a Copy of this Order.

Mr. Whillden from Council, informed the House that Council had rejected the Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act to incorporate the " North Ward of Perth Amboy, in the County of Middlesex, and for other Purposes therein mentioned."

The Report of Mr. Frazer from the Committee to whom was referred the Adjudication of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the County of Gloucester, in Favour of Sarah Dorum, of the 29th Ultimo, was read a second Time and agreed to.

*Ordered,* That a Warrant do issue accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act relative to Testimony in Prosecutions for publick Monies,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of fundry Inhabitants of the States of New-Jersey and Pennsylvania, respecting the Navigation and Fisheries of the River Delaware, reported as follows:

THAT



**T**HAT they have duly examined and considered the same, and are satisfied that the Prayer of their Petition is reasonable and ought to be granted, and that the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill for that Purpose.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

To which the House agreed, whereupon,

Mr. Frazer, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intituled, An Act to amend an Act, intituled, An Act to regulate the Fisheries, and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation in the River Delaware,’ which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Walton, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions from a Number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Monmouth and Burlington, praying that a Law may be enacted for appointing Commissioners to lay out and open a straight Road from Monmouth Courthouse to Mount-Holly, as near as the Nature of the Case will admit; reported, that it appearing to your Committee, that such a Road would be of publick Utility to the State, and especially to the Counties of Monmouth and Burlington, do recommend that a Committee be appointed to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

By Order of the Committee,

ELISHA WALTON.

To which the House agreed; whereupon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Inlay, Anderson and M'Cullough, be a Committee to bring in a Bill for that Purpose.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the House that Council had rejected the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for granting a further Sum of Money to the Commissioners therein named.’

Mr. Southard, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions and Remonstrances of sundry Inhabitants of the County of Gloucester, praying a Repeal of an Act for laying out, opening and improving certain Roads in the Counties of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Burlington, in this State, passed the 15th Day of February, 1794, or such Part of the said Law as respects the laying out, opening and improving said Road, between Bridgetown, in the County of Cumberland, and Woodbury, in the County of Gloucester, reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have carefully inquired into the Ground and Reasons enumerated in said Petitions, and are of Opinion the Petitioners ought to have Leave to present a Bill on the fourth Wednesday of the next Sitting of the Legislature, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present in three publick Places in each County near said Road four Weeks previous thereto.

By Order of the Committee,

HENRY SOUTHARD.

To which the House agreed.

Mr. D. Vroom, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for constituting and supporting Primary Schools of Education throughout the State,’ reported the same with sundry Amendments.

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act in Relation to Testimony in Prosecutions for publick Monies,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved*



*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ A supplementary Act to the several Acts relative to Elections in this State,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Mayhew do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, March 5, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Cook, from Council, presented the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act respecting Coroners,’ with fundry Amendments made thereto by Council, to which Amendments he desired the Concurrence of this House, which Bill with the Amendments were read, and the Amendments being read in their Places were agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom was referred the Memorial and Petition of Kenneth Hankinson, late Collector of the County of Monmouth, reported as follows :

**T**HAT they have attentively considered the said Petition and Memorial and the Documents accompanying the same, and are of Opinion that legislative Interference in Behalf of the said Kenneth Hankinson, without the Privity and Consent of the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of Monmouth, would be partial and improper.

Your Committee submit for Consideration the Propriety of referring the Memorial and Petition to the next Sitting, to be read on the third Tuesday in that Sitting, the Petitioner giving Notice of this Order to the Board of Justices and Freeholders of the County of Monmouth aforesaid, at their annual Meeting in May next.

By Order of the Committee,

J. H. IMLAY.

To which the House agreed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for constituting Courts for the Trial of small Causes,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Armstrong,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Vredenbugrh,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. French,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Starke,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Imlay,		Mr. Thomson,
Mr. McCullough,		Mr. Rd. Townsend.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act concerning the Surrogates in the several Counties



‘ Counties of this State,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. French,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Imlay,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Walton,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wallace.	

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the gradual Reduction of the State Debt,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Sceley,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Walton.
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Wyckoff.	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Stillwell,		

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Armstrong,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Rn. Townsend,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. French,
Mr. Hough,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Wallace,	Mr. Hedden,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. M'Cullough,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Peck,		Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Seeley,		Mr. Southard,
Mr. Somers,		Mr. Starke,
Mr. Stillwell,		Mr. D. Vroom.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said several Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Somers do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

A Petition from Spotswood, in the County of Middlesex, praying the Benefit of a Lottery to aid the Funds of their Church, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table,

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The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for opening the Navigation of the Assanpink Creek,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, March 7, 1796.*

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act concerning Sheriffs,’ was taken into Consideration, and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Reuben Townsend have Leave of Absence for the Remainder of the present Sitting.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for appointing Trustees to execute the Purposes of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Brown, deceased,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr. Anderson, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An additional Supplement to the Act, intituled, “ An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New-Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves,” which was read : A Motion was made that the said Bill be dismissed ; on the Question, Whether the House agree to the said Motion ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Biddle,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. French,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Hough,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. M’Cullough,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Sharps,		Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Matthias Allen, reported as follows :

THAT they have carefully examined the Papers to them referred, and find that the said Matthias Allen has paid to Samuel Hays, Agent of forfeited Estates for the County of Essex, the Sum of Three Hundred and Forty-seven Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight-pence, being the Amount of Principal and Interest of a Debt due from the said Matthias Allen, to the confiscated Estate of Cavalier Jouet ; and that it further appears to your Committee, that the said Matthias



Matthias Allen has paid the Sum of Seventeen Pounds Seven Shillings to the said Samuel Hays over and above the Amount of said Debt, as his Commissions for collecting and paying forward the Monies aforesaid, which your Committee conceives to be illegal and not within the true Intent and Meaning of the Law ; but as this Case is of a private Nature, your Committee are of the Opinion that an Interference of the Legislature would be improper.

By Order of the Committee,

JONAS WADE.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Frazer, with Leave, presented a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act the better to promote the impartial Administration of Justice ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Wade, agreeably to Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to authorize the Commissioners therein named, to lay out a Road from the Bridge at the Village of Second River, through the Cedar Swamp, to the Bridge over the Hackinsack River ;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act respecting Coroners,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Biddle,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Debow,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. M'Cullough,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Stillwell,
Mr. French,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Stockton,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Van-Cleve,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Vredenburgh,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Hough,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Inlay,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Walton.	

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Southard do carry the said Bill to Council, and inform them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for the better Relief of the Poor in the County of Salem,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Southard do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

A Petition from Keziah Hunt, late Keziah Lott, Executrix, &c. of Gersthom Lott, deceased, stating a Demand against the State in Consequence of Demands against Estates which become forfeited, and praying Payment, was read, and committed to Messrs. Haring, Hedden and Mayhew.

A Petition from Elizabeth Dugan, praying to be allowed the Half-Pay of her deceased Husband, who died in the Service of the United States, was read, and committed to Messrs. Frazer, Clement, Inlay, Hedden and Mayhew.

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Mr. Southard, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the Congress of the United States for this State ;' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Punishment of Crimes.'

*Resolved*, That the House agree to all the Amendments made to the said Bill except the Amendment to the 19th and 20th Sections, and in those Respects do adhere to their Bill.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Starke do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock:

*Tuesday, March 8, 1796.*

The House met:

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to make Titles to certain Islands in the Delaware,' reported as follows:

**T**HAT they have with Attention examined and considered the same, and find Difficulties and Embarrassments present themselves in every View in which they have been able to consider the Subject: The least embarrassed View which your Committee have been able to take of the Subject is that the Islands referred to in the said Bill should be considered and declared to be the Property of the State.

That a Law pass declaring the Property of these Islands vested in the State, appointing Commissioners for taking the same into their Charge and Care, and that the said Commissioners be authorized to sell and dispose of the same at publick Vendue, and to make good and sufficient Titles to such Persons as may become Purchasers of the same.

By Order of the Committee,

J. H. IMLAY.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Frazer, Manning and Sinnickson be a Committee to prepare and present a Bill in Conformity with the said Report.

Mr. Southard reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

A Petition from sundry Owners of the Five-Mile Beach in the County of Cape-May, praying Leave to present a Bill to regulate the Pasturing of the said Beach by the several Owners, in Proportion to their several and respective Shares, and to prevent the turning of Hogs on the said Beach, was read.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill to answer the Prayer of their Petition on the third Wednesday of the next Sitting, previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present with a Copy of this Order, for three Weeks in three of the most publick Places in the County of Cape-May.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning Sheriffs,' and, after having gone through the same by Paragraphs,

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be engrossed.



The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intitled, an Act to amend an Act, intitled, an Act to regulate the Fisheries and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation in the River Delaware,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Black from Council, returned the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act concerning the Cavalry and Artillery,’ with sundry Amendments made thereto, to which Amendments he requested the Concurrence of this House, which Bill and Amendments, were read and ordered a second Reading.

The Report of Mr. Van-Cleve on the Petition of Ann Dougherty of the second Instant, was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered,* That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

A Petition from Newark in the County of Essex, praying a Repeal of the Law which lays a Tax on Stages passing through this State, was read and ordered a second Reading.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, March 9, 1796.*

The House met.

A Petition from Trenton, praying a Repeal of the Law which lays a Tax on Stages passing through this State, was read and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from William Hammel, praying for Reasons therein set forth, that a Law may pass to exonerate him from his Debts on giving up to his Creditors what Property he is possessed of, was read and ordered to lie on the Table.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for opening the Navigation of the Assanpink Creek,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to revive and continue an Act, intitled, an Act to amend an Act, intitled, an Act to regulate the Fisheries and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation in the River Delaware,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Stillwell do carry the said Bills to Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Stillwell reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to authorize the Commissioners therein named to  
‘ lay



‘ lay out a Road from the Bridge at the Village of Second River through the ‘ Cedar Swamp to the Bridge over the Hackinback River,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, March 10, 1796.*

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intitled, “ An Act to empower “ certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to certain Lands in this “ Colony, passed August the twelfth, Anno Domini, 1758,” was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Haring, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of Hezekiah Hunt, reported as follows :

**T**H A T, in the Opinion of your Committee, the Petitioner is not entitled to the Relief prayed for.

By Order of the Committee,

JOHN HARING.

To which Report the House agreed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to the several Acts relative to Elections in ‘ this State,’ was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the Congress of the United States for this State,’ was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee appointed to inquire and report what Books it may be useful and necessary to purchase for the Use of the Legislature, reported as follows :

**T**H A T in Addition to the Books now in the Possession of the Legislature, the following Books will be useful and necessary :

Two Sets of Cunningham’s Law Dictionary.

Two Sets of Sheridan’s Dictionary.

Two Sets of Blackstone’s Commentaries.

Two Sets of Montesquieu’s Spirit of Laws.

Two Sets of Paleys Moral Philosophy.

Two Sets of Vattel on the Law of Nations.

Two Sets of Ferguson’s Political and Moral Science.

Two Sets of the Constitution of each State in the Union.

To which the House agreed ; whereupon,

*Resolved*, That Maskell Ewing, Clerk of the General Assembly be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase during the Recess of the Legislature, the Books above mentioned for the Use of the Legislature.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Stockton do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

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The Bill, intitled, ' An Act concerning the Cavalry and Artillery,' with the Amendments made thereto by Council, was taken up, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Sale of Property in the Town of Paterfon,' was read a second Time, and after some Time spent thereon,  
*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, March 11, 1796.*

The House met.

The Petitions from Somerset, read on the 3d Instant, praying that a Law may pass to authorize the County to vote for a Place whereon to erect a Courthouse and Gaol, were read a second Time.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill on the second Wednesday of the next Sitting, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present, with a Copy of this Order, four Weeks in the Newspaper printed in New-Brunswick.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intitled, ' A supplementary Act to the several Acts relative to Elections in this State,' without Amendment.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act to make Titles to certain Islands in the Delaware,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Beardslee, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intitled, ' An Act to revive and continue an Act, intitled, an Act to amend an Act, intitled, an Act to regulate the Fisheries and to prevent the Obstructions of the Navigation in the River Delaware,' without Amendment.

The Bill, intitled, ' A Supplement to the Act, intitled, " An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows, Swamps and Low Lands on the River Passaick, and its several Branches between the Little Falls and the Milldam at Chatham, to break up the Reefs near said Falls, and to dig Canals for the more effectual draining said Lands, and to raise Money for that Purpose,"' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

On Motion,

*Ordered*, That the Inhabitants of the Lower End of the County of Sussex, and adjoining the Muscanekunk Creek, have Leave to present a Bill, on the first Thursday in the next Sitting for the Purpose of authorizing the Inhabitants to clear out and make navigable the said Creek, the Distance of about fifteen Miles from where it empties into the River Delaware, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present in the Newspaper printed in Trenton for at least four Weeks.

Mr. Imlay, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ' An Act appointing Commissioners to lay out and open a straight Road from the Courthouse in the County of Monmouth to Mount-Holly in the County of Burlington,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition



A Petition from fundry Inhabitants of the County of Essex, praying Leave to present a Bill to direct the Obstructions to the free Course of the Waters in Rahway River to be removed.

*Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to present a Bill on the second Friday of the next Sitting, to answer the Prayer of their Petition, they previously advertising the Purport of the Bill they mean to present in three of the most publick Places in the Neighbourhood where the said River runs, and in the Newspapers printed at Elizabeth-Town at least three Weeks previous thereto.

Mr. Boyd, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petitions from fundry Persons who were on the late Western Expedition, reported the following Resolution:

**W**HEREAS fundry Officers and Soldiers who went on the late Western Expedition in the State of Pennsylvania, have, by their Petition to the Legislature stated Claims, in Consequence of their Services on said Expedition, which Claims appear just upon the General Government, and, as it would be attended with, a very considerable Expense and loss of Time for the Claimants to apply individually to said Government for Allowance, to prevent which,

*Resolved*, That the said Claims, and the Vouchers in Support of them, be committed to the Care of the Governor of this State, and he be authorized to apply to the Board of War, or any other Way he may think Proper, to obtain an Allowance for the same, and also for such others of a similar Nature as may come to his Hands.

By Order of the Committee,

ADAM BOYD.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Thomson do carry the said Resolution to the Council for Concurrence.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Thomson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Haring, from Council, informed the House that Council have concurred in the Warrant of Half-Pay in Favour of Elizabeth Collatter (late Tonlin.)

Mr. Van-Cleve, with Leave given, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, 'An Act directing where the Venue shall be laid in Personal and Transitory Actions,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition from Elisha Jewell, of the County of Monmouth, praying Compensation for certain Services rendered as an Express, by Order of Governor Livingston, which Petition, with a Certificate from Governor Livingston, were read, and referred to the Committee on the Incidental Bill.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of the Executors of David Wade, deceased,' was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning Sheriffs,' was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Rd. Townsend do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.



'The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for appointing Trustees to execute the Purposes of ' the last Will and Testament of Samuel Brown, deceased,' was read a third Time.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Van-Cleve do carry the said Bill to Council and inform them that the same is passed without Amendment.

Mr. Townsend reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Bill, intitled, ' A Supplement ' to the Act, intitled, " An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Mea- " dows, Swamps and Low Lands on the River Passaick, and its several Branches " between the Little Falls and the Mill-Dam at Chatham, to break up the Reefs " near the said Falls, and dig Canals for the more effectual draining said Lands, " and to raise Money for that Purpose," and after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

The Bill, intitled, ' An Act for the Relief of Peter Brocaw,' was read a second Time, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow morning ten of the Clock.

*Saturday, March 12, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Somerset, in Favour of Elizabeth Dugan, Widow of Nathan Dugan, a Soldier in Captain Stites's Company belonging to Colonel Johnston's Regiment of Militia of this State,

*Reported*,

**T**HAT they have duly examined the Adjudication and the Vouchers accompanying the same, and are of Opinion that the said Elizabeth Dugan is entitled to her late Husband's Half-Pay during her Widowhood.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

Which Report was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Van-Cleve reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ' A Supplement to the several Acts relative to ' Elections in this State', was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Dayton,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Frazer,
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Hedden,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Southard,
Mr. French,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Thomson,
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Vredenburg,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. D. Vroom,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Wade,
Mr. Morgan,		Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Peck,		Mr. Walton.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Vredenburg do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing ‘ Representatives in the Congress of the United States for this State,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Sinnickson,
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Wyckoff.
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Manning,	Mr. Thomson,	
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Peck,	Mr. Vredenburg,	
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Seeley,	Mr. D. Vroom,	
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Sharps,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. French,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. Wallace,	
Mr. Haring,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Walton.	
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Starke,		

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wade do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of the Executors of David ‘ Wade, deceased,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Southard,	Mr. Anderson,
Mr. Clement,	Mr. Starke,	Mr. Blacklidge,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Boyd,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Haring,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Mayhew,
Mr. French,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Imlay,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. Manning,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Wallace.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wade do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Relief of Peter Brocaw,’ was read and compared ; on the Question, Whether the same do pass ? It was carried in the Negative, as follows :

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.	Nays.
Mr. Armstrong,	Mr. Stockton,	Mr. Anderson,	Mr. Peck,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Seeley,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Sharps,
Mr. Hedden,	Mr. Vredenburg,	Mr. Clement,	Mr. Somers,
Mr. M'Cullough,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. French,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wade,	Mr. Haring,	Mr. Wallace.
Mr. Sinnickson,	Mr. Walton,	Mr. Imlay,	
Mr. Southard,	Mr. Wyckoff.	Mr. Manning,	
Mr. Starke,		Mr. Mayhew,	

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be dismissed.

Mr. Boyd, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to ‘ prevent the Draws of certain Bridges in the County of Bergen being left open,’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The Bill, intituled, ' An Act appointing Commissioners to lay out and open a straight Road from the Courthouse in the County of Monmouth to Mount-Holly in the County of Burlington,' was read, debated and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the House that Council have appointed Messrs. Sinnickson, Linn, Condit, Whillden and Cooper, with such other Members as choose to attend, a Committee to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, in a free Conference on the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' to meet at four o'clock this Afternoon in the Assembly-Room; whereupon,

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Dayton, Boyd, Imlay, Anderson, Southard, Frazer and Peck, be a Committee, with such other Members as choose to attend, to join the Committee of Council for the Purpose in their Message expressed, and that Mr. Wallace do wait on Council, and acquaint them therewith.

The House adjourned until Monday Morning ten of the Clock.

*Monday, March 14, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Martin, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the gradual Reduction of the State Debt,' and the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief and Employment of the Poor in the County of Salem,' without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to prevent the Draws of certain Bridges in the County of Bergen being left open,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to make Titles for certain Islands in the Delaware,' was read a second Time, and committed to Messrs. Van-Cleve, Vredenburg and Hough.

Mr. Stillwell laid before the House a Warrant for Half-Pay in Favour of Rebecca Dennis for the Amount of her Husband's Half-Pay, on which there is no further Room for Endorsements; which was read.

On Motion,

*Ordered,* That the same be renewed; whereupon, A Warrant was presented and approved.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Walton do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

The Report of Mr. Frazer on the Application of Elizabeth Henderson for Half-Pay of her late Husband of the 10th Ultimo, was read and committed to the same Committee with the several Vouchers accompanying the same.

Mr. Linn, from Council, presented the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for opening the Navigation of the Atsaspink Creek,' with sundry Amendments; which Bill, with the Amendments were read, the Amendments agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Linn, from Council, informed the House that Council had concurred in the



the Resolution respecting the purchasing of fundry Books for the Use of the Legislature.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Frazer, from the Committee to whom was referred the Adjudication of the Court of General Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Essex, in Favour of Elizabeth Henderson, late the Widow of Samuel Roberts a Soldier in Captain Howell's Company of the first Regiment of New-Jersey, further reported,

**T**HAT, in Consequence of the Certificate attested upon the Oath of Mary Sutton, now before us, we are fully of Opinion, that the said Elizabeth Henderson, late the Widow of Samuel Roberts, was lawfully married to her present Husband Robert Henderson on the 31st Day of October, 1784, and that the said Elizabeth Henderson is entitled to her late Husband's Half-Pay during her Widowhood; that is to say, from the 24th Day of October, 1777, to the 31st Day of October, 1784.

By Order of the Committee,

DAVID FRAZER.

To which the House agreed.

*Ordered*, That a Warrant do issue accordingly.

The Report of Mr. Frazer on the Application of Elizabeth Dugan of Saturday last, was read a second Time and disagreed to.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning the Cavalry and Artillery,' was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wyckoff do carry the said Bill to the Council and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to prevent the Draws of certain Bridges in the County of Bergen being left open,' was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wyckoff do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act to empower the Governor of this State to incorporate a Company for opening the Navigation of the Assanpink Creek,' was read and compared.

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Wyckoff do carry the said Bill to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

Mr. Walton reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Tuesday, March 15, 1796.*

The House met.



The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ A Supplement to an Act, intitled, ‘ An Act to empower certain Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to certain Lands in this Colony, passed the twelfth Day of August, in the Year of our Lord ‘ Seventeen Hundred and Fifty-eight,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to authorize the Commissioners therein named to lay out a Road from the Bridge at the Village of Second River through the Cedar Swamp to the Bridge over the Hackinback River,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved,* That the same do pass.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Anderson do carry the said Bills to the Council for Concurrence.

The Warrant in Favour of Elizabeth Henderson, late the Widow of Samuel Roberts, allowing her the Half-Pay of her late Husband during the Time she remained his Widow, was read and approved.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Anderson do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

The Warrant in Favour of Sarah Dorum, who was formerly the Wife of Joseph Githins, for the Amount of her late Husband’s Half-Pay, was read and approved.

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Anderson do carry the said Warrant to the Council for Concurrence.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act directing where the Venue shall be laid in personal or transitory Actions,’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Van-Cleve, from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to make Titles for certain Islands in the Delaware,’ reported the same with sundry Amendments and the following Title: ‘ An Act for taking Charge of and leasing certain Islands in the River Delaware;’ which Bill was read, further amended and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intitled, “ An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose their Lives in the military or naval Service, passed the tenth Day of June, Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-nine,”’ was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Stillwell, with Leave, presented the Draught of a Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act relative to Insolvent Debtors;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Black, from Council, presented the Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,’ with the Amendments, and informed the House that Council have receded from their Amendments made to the 19th and 20th Sections of the said Bill.

*Ordered,* That the same be re-engrossed.

The engrossed Bill, intitled, ‘ An Act for appointing Commissioners to lay out  
‘ and



‘ and open a direct Road from the Courthouse in the County of Monmouth to Mount-Holly in the County of Burlington,’ was read and compared.

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Blacklidge do carry the said Bill to Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Wade, from the Committee appointed for that Purpose, presented the Draught of a Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges;’ which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr. Anderson reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned to three o’Clock, P. M.

The House met.

Mr. Blacklidge reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Cooper, from Council, informed the House that Council had rejected the Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to appoint Trustees to sell the real Estate of John Emley late of Alexandria, in the County of Hunterdon, Esquire, deceased, and to dispose of the Monies thence arising, and for other Purposes therein mentioned.’

Mr. Cooper also informed the House that Council had concurred in the Warrant in Favour of Rebecca Dennis.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ‘ An Act to repeal an Act, intituled, “ An Act for the Relief and Support of maimed and disabled Officers, Soldiers and Seamen, “ and of the Widows and Children of such as fall in Battle, or otherwise lose “ their Lives in the military or naval Service,” was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.  
Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Blacklidge,  
Mr. Boyd,  
Mr. Dayton,  
Mr. Debow,  
Mr. Haring,  
Mr. Hough,  
Mr. Inlay,  
Mr. M’Cullough,  
Mr. Manning,  
Mr. Mayhew,  
Mr. Morgan,  
Mr. Peck,

Yeas.  
Mr. Sharps,  
Mr. Sinnickson,  
Mr. Somers,  
Mr. Stillwell,  
Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
Mr. Van-Cleve,  
Mr. Wallace.

Nays.  
Mr. Biddle,  
Mr. Clement,  
Mr. Frazer,  
Mr. French,  
Mr. Hedden,  
Mr. Starke,  
Mr. Stockton,  
Mr. Thomson,  
Mr. Vredenburg,  
Mr. D. Vroom,  
Mr. Wade,  
Mr. Walton,  
Mr. Wyckoff.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Boyd do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Agreeably to Order, the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House on the Report of Mr. Inlay of the 2d Instant: Mr. Vredenburg accordingly took the Chair of the Committee, and, after some Time spent thereon, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr. Vredenburg, Chairman of the Committee, reported,

**T**HAT the Committee had agreed to recommend the following Resolutions to the House:

*Resolved*, That the Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices or Judges, any one of whom shall be a Quorum.

That



That in no Case whatever shall there be a Trial at the Bar of the Supreme Court, but all Trials in this Court shall be where the Cause of Action arose, or where the Defendant lives, or can be taken at the Option of the Plaintiff.

That one of the Justices of the Supreme Court shall, in the Vacation and once in every Year, hold a Circuit Court in each of the Counties of this State, including the County in which the Supreme Court shall sit.

That the *Venire Facias* issue directly returnable to the Nisi Prius Court without the Circuitry of Process now in Use.

Your Committee further report that they have carefully and attentively examined and considered the several Objects embraced and contemplated in the said Bill. That, in their Opinion, the present System of administering Justice in this State is susceptible of Improvements greatly for the Convenience and Accommodation of the Citizens of the State, and importantly so for the faithful and impartial Administration of Justice.

As the Result of their Investigation and Reflections on this Subject, the Committee beg Leave to submit for Consideration the following Resolution :

*Resolved*, That the State shall be divided into three Districts, to be composed of the following Counties: The Counties of Bergen, Essex, Morris and Sussex, to form one District; the Counties of Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex and Monmouth, to form one District; and the Counties of Burlington, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape-May, to form one District. To each of those Districts there shall be appointed some suitable and discreet Person of such Character and Abilities as will well qualify him to act as a President of the Respective County Courts within the District for which he may be appointed; that it shall be the Duty of each Person so to be appointed, personally to act and preside at each and every Court of Common Pleas, the Orphan's Court when sitting in Term Time, and the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace, to be holden in the Counties of their respective Districts; and it shall further be the Duty of each President to do and perform these Duties which may of Right and for the good Purposes intended hereby, appertain to their Office, and for the Services and Duties to be performed by each respective President, the Legislature will provide such Compensation as shall be just and reasonable.

That the Courts of Common Pleas in the respective Counties shall, on this Establishment and Arrangement in all civil Cases, have original and concurrent Jurisdiction with the Supreme Court, and that the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas, together with the respective Presidents of such Courts shall, by Virtue of their Office be Justices of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery for the Trial of capital and other Offenders therein, any two of whom, together with the President, shall be a Quorum, but that the Party accused may at his or her Election, in Cases of Life and Death, remove the Indictment and Proceedings or Transcript thereof into the Supreme Court, and that in all Cases of Difficulty depending in the High Court of Errors and Appeals in this State, on Writs of Error directed to the Supreme Court to remove the Record of Judgments rendered originally in the said Supreme Court, it shall be lawful for the Court of Errors and Appeals at their Pleasure to require the Attendance of all or any of the said Presidents of the said Districts at the Hearing and Arguments of such Causes as may come before them, and in every such Case it shall become the Duty of every such President to attend the said Court of Errors and Appeals whenever their Attendance shall be as aforesaid required, that they shall attend at the Hearing, and on the Arguments in every such Cause, and, after the Parties have been fully heard, and the same be finished, the said President or Presidents shall



shall answer such Questions in the Law as may be put to them by the said Court of Errors and Appeals, and give their Reasons on which such Answer may be founded.

Which Resolutions were read, and the further Consideration thereof postponed.

Mr. Boyd reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Wednesday, March 16, 1796.*

The House met.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Resolutions reported by Mr. Vredenburg from the Committee of the whole House; and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Resolved*, That the House agree to the said Report and Resolution.

*Resolved*, That the Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning the Supreme and Circuit Courts,' with the Report of the Committee on the same, be referred to William Paterson, Esq. who is hereby requested, at his Discretion, to draught a Bill or Bills in Conformity with the said Report, for the Consideration of the Legislature at their next Sitting.

Mr. Wade, with Leave, presented a Bill, intituled, 'An additional Supplement to an Act, intituled, "An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages and Ferries, passed February 25, 1794,"' which Bill was read and ordered a second Reading.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for taking Charge of and leasing certain Islands in the River Delaware,' was read and compared.

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Clement do carry the said Bill to the Council for Concurrence.

Mr. Sinnickson, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill intituled, 'An Act providing for the Restoration of certain Records of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in and for the County of Monmouth, which have been lost, embezzled or destroyed;' the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of the Executors of David Wade, deceased,' and the Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Relief of the Administrators of Enos Crowell.'

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act for improving the Navigation of Alloways Creek in the County of Salem,' was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

A Petition from William Reeve and others, praying that they may not be compelled to pay their equal Proportion for clearing out Rahway River, agreeably to the Prayer of a Petition heretofore presented, was read, and ordered to be read a second Time with the said Petition.

The Bill, intituled, 'An Act relative to Insolvent Debtors,' was read a second Time, and, after some Time spent thereon,

*Ordered*, That the further Consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Lambert, from Council, informed the House that Council had rejected the Warrants of Half-Pay in Favour of Sarah Dorum and Elizabeth Henderson;

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that



that they have concurred in the Resolution committing the Vouchers and Claims of certain Officers and Soldiers who were out on the late Western Expedition, to the Charge and Care of the Governor.

The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ' An additional Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act " for raising a Revenue from certain Stages and Ferries, passed February 25, " 1794," was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act for defraying sundry Incidental Charges,' was read a second Time, debated, and ordered to be engrossed.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Thursday, March 17, 1796.*

The House met.

Mr. Clement reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Elmer, from Council, presented the Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning ' Sheriffs,' with sundry Amendments, to which Amendments he requested the Concurrence of this House; which Bill and Amendments were read, and, the Amendments being read in their Places were agreed to.

*Ordered,* That the said Bill be re-engrossed.

Mr. Elmer, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act to prevent the Draws of certain Bridges in the County of ' Bergen being left open;' the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for appointing Commis- ' sioners to lay out and open a direct Road from the Courthouse in the County of ' Monmouth to Mount-Holly, in the County of Burlington;' and the Bill, inti- tled, ' An Act to authorize the Commissioners therein named to lay out a Road ' from the Bridge at the Village of Second River through the Cedar Swamp to the ' Bridge over the Hackinsack,' without Amendment.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act to enable the Inhabitants of the Townships in ' the several Counties of this State to repair their Highways by Hire, and to ' raise Money for that Purpose,' was read and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Cook, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, ' A Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act to empower certain " Persons to purchase the Claims of the Indians to certain Lands in this Colony, " passed the twelfth Day of August, 1758," without Amendment.

Mr. Elmer, from Council, presented a Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the ' Surrogates in the several Counties of this State,' with the Amendments made thereto by Council, to which Amendments he requested the Concurrence of this House; which Bill with the Amendments were read, and the Amendments being read in their Places were agreed to, and the Bill ordered to be re-engrossed.

Mr. Cook, from Council, also presented a Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing ' a more uniform Mode of Election,' which Bill was read, and ordered a second Reading.

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The House adjourned to three o'Clock, P. M.

The House met.

The Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing a more uniform Mode of Election,' was read a second Time, and referred to the next Sitting.

Mr. Beardlee, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors,' without Amendment.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act for defraying fundry Incidental Charges,' was read and compared.

*Resolved unanimously,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An additional Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages and Ferries,, passed February " the 25th, 1794,"' was read and compared.

*Resolved,* That the same do pass.

The engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing where the Venue shall be laid ' in Personal or Transitory Actions,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.	Yeas.	Nays.
Mr. Blacklidge,	Mr. Shaps,	Mr. Clement,
Mr. Boyd,	Mr. Somers,	Mr. French,
Mr. Dayton,	Mr. Stillwell,	Mr. Hoag,
Mr. Debow,	Mr. Thomson,	Mr. Inley,
Mr. Frazer,	Mr. Rd. Townsend,	Mr. Manning,
Mr. McCullough,	Mr. Van-Cleve,	Mr. Snickson,
Mr. Mayhew,	Mr. D. Vroom,	Mr. Wallace,
Mr. Morgan,	Mr. Wade,	
Mr. Peck,	Mr. Walton,	
Mr. Seeley,	Mr. Wyckoff,	

*Ordered,* That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Dayton do carry the said Bills to Council, and request their Concurrence therein.

The House adjourned until To-morrow Morning ten of the Clock.

*Friday, March 18, 1796.*

The House met.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, ' An Act concerning the Surrogates in the ' several Counties of this State,' was read and compared; on the Question, Whether the same do pass? It was carried in the Affirmative, as follows:

Yeas.



Yeas.  
 Mr. Anderson,  
 Mr. Buckridge,  
 Mr. Clement,  
 Mr. Liebow,  
 Mr. Frazer,  
 Mr. French,  
 Mr. Hough,  
 Mr. Mayhew,  
 Mr. Morgan,  
 Mr. Sealey,  
 Mr. Sharps,

Yeas.  
 Mr. Sinnickson,  
 Mr. Somers,  
 Mr. Stockton,  
 Mr. Thomson,  
 Mr. Rd. Townsend,  
 Mr. Van Cleve,  
 Mr. Vredenburg,  
 Mr. D. Vroom,  
 Mr. Wade,  
 Mr. Wallace,  
 Mr. Wyckoff.

Nays.  
 Mr. Boyd,  
 Mr. Dayton,  
 Mr. Hedden,  
 Mr. Inlay,  
 Mr. Manning,  
 Mr. Stillwell,  
 Mr. Walton.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the same.

*Resolved*, That Mr. Frazer do carry the said Bill to Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

*On Motion*,

*Ordered*, That the Speaker and Clerk of the Assembly be allowed each four Days Pay for attending to the Inspection and Comparing of the Copy of the Minutes in the Journals and for the Press; and that the Doorkeeper be allowed for preparing the Assembly-Room and clearing the same two Days Pay.

*Resolved*, That Marked Fwing, Clerk of the House of Assembly be directed to enter on the Minutes of the House of this Day, the Titles and Names of the several Books now belonging to the Legislature, and that he be further directed to procure at the Expence of the Legislature a suitable Case for the keeping and Preservation of such Books; and further also, that he be responsible to the Legislature for the safe keeping and Preservation of the same.

Mr. Frazer reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Thomson, from the Committee to whom was referred the Petition of the Executors and Legatees named in the last Will and Testament of Samuel Lippencott, deceased, reported as follows:

1st. That a Bond executed by John Leonard to Samuel Lippencott, was produced to your Committee, conditioned for the Payment of £. 70, lawful Money, dated the 22d of May, 1773, on which there is a Receipt for £. 9 16 8 for two Years Interest, so that there remains now due on said Bond the Sum of £. 140.

2d. That the said John Leonard joined the British Troops during the late War, and, that his Property was confiscated to the Use of this State.

3d. That from the Deposition of one of the subscribing Witnesses, and also of the Executor to said Estate, taken before a Justice of the Peace, indorsed on the Back of said Bond, your Committee are of Opinion that the same has not been discharged: Your Committee are therefore of Opinion that Provision ought to be made by the Legislature for discharging the said Bond, if there is Money sufficient in the Treasury belonging to the Estate of the said John Leonard.

Which Report was read, and referred to the next Sitting.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act concerning Sheriffs,' was read and compared.

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

The re-engrossed Bill, intituled, 'An Act for the Punishment of Crimes,' was read and compared.

*Resolved*, That the same do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Speaker do sign the said Bills.

*Ordered*,



*Ordered*, That Mr. Mayhew do carry the said Bills to the Council, and acquaint them that the same is passed by this House with their Amendments.

On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the Speaker have Power during the Recess of the Legislature, to convene the General Assembly whenever any extraordinary Occasion shall in his Opinion render the same necessary.

Mr. Haring, from Council, informed the House that Council had rejected the Bill, intituled, ' A further Supplement to the Act, intituled, " An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Mayhew reported, that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

Mr. Condit, from Council, informed the House that Council had passed the Bill, intituled, ' An Act in Relation to Testimony in Prosecutions for publick Money ;' the Bill, intituled, ' An additional Supplement to an Act, intituled, " An Act for raising a Revenue from certain Stages and Ferries, passed February 25, 1794 ;" and the Bill, intituled, ' An Act for defraying fundry incidental Charges,' without Amendment, and, that Council had rejected the Bill, intituled, ' An Act directing the Time and Mode of electing Representatives in the Congress of the United States for this State.

On Motion,

*Resolved*, That the diligent Attention, the upright and impartial Conduct of Ebenezer Elmer, Esq. in the Duties of his Station, as Speaker, have been such during the Sitzings of the present Session, as to entitle him to the Approbation and Thanks of the House.

The following is a List of the Books on Hand belonging to the Legislature:

- 1 Acts of George II. in 17 Vols. Folio.
- 2 D'Ewes's Journals of the British Parliament in the Reign of Queen Elizabeth, 2 Copies Folio.
- 3 Journals of the Assembly of New-Jersey, 14 Vols. Folio.
- 4 Journals of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, 3 Vols. Folio and three Pamphlets.
- 5 Do. of the Senate of the United States, 4 Vols. Folio and one Pamphlet.
- 6 State Papers and Votes of Assembly, 7 Vols. Folio, from 1745 to 1793.
- 7 Votes of Assembly, 2 Vols. Folio, from 1780 to 1793.
- 8 Massachusetts Laws, 1 Vol. Folio.
- 9 1 Vol. Laws of New-York, Folio.
- 10 1 Do. Pennsylvania Do.
- 11 1 Vol. Grants and Confessions by Leaming and Specer.
- 12 1 Vol. Newell's Edition of the Jersey Laws.
- 13 1 Vol. Allinson's Do.
- 14 2 Do. by Wilson.
- 15 4 Vols. Pamphlets of the Jersey Laws, bound.
- 16 5 Vols. of New-Jersey Laws and Ordinances.
- 17 4 Vols. Journals of Council.



- 18 2 Vols. Journals of the British Parliament in 1749, 50 and 51.
- 19 Cunningham's Law Dictionary, 2 Vols. Folio.
- 20 Vattel's Law of Nations, 2 Copies Octavo.
- 21 Sheridan's Dictionary, 2 Copies Octavo.
- 22 Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws, 2 Vols. Do.
- 23 Paley's Philosophy, 2 Copies Do.
- 24 Blackstone's Commentaries, 4 Vols.
- 25 Laws of New-York, 2 Vols. and 1 odd Vol.
- 26 Journals of the old Congresses, except the 7th and 9th Vols.
- 27 Journals of the Assembly of Pennsylvania from 1780 to 1790, incomplete.
- 28 Laws of Pennsylvania of 1791.
- 29 1 Pamphlet Acts of Congress.
- 30 1 Do. Communications from the Secretary of the Treasury to the Congress of the United States.
- 31 Report of the Secretary of the Treasury containing a Plan for the further Support of the publick Credit.
- 32 Minutes of the Convention, ratifying the Constitution of the United States.
- 33 Massachusetts Perpetual Laws, 1 Vol.

The House rose without Day.















